Appendix Exhibit 6

Arbitration Transcript 6/9/09 with exhibits R000381-R000758

BEFORE THE AMERICAN ARBITR	ATION ASSOCIATION
In the matter of the)
arbitration involving:)
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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION)
LABORERS LOCAL UNION NO. 310	,)
) Case Number:
Claimant,) 53 300 E 00098 09
and)
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS HEALTH) Volume II
SYSTEMS, INC., et al.,)
Respondents.	

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that upon the hearing of the above-entitled matter, held at Doubletree Hotel, 1111 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, before Marvin J. Feldman, Impartial Arbitrator, and commencing on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 2009, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at which time the following proceedings were had.

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52 1 MS. GRAGEL: I have a motion 2 before we get started. 3 What is your MR. FELDMAN: 4 motion? 5 I would move to MS. GRAGEL: 6 amend our grievance to include the Cleveland 7 Building Trades Council as an additional party 8 to the grievance. Mr. Terry Joyce is here with 9 He is the president of the Cleveland 10 Building Trades Council, and he would concur and 11 so advise the arbitrator of that joinder. 12 purpose of this is to clear up any ambiguity, 13 because the hospital has contended recently that 14 the Project Labor Agreement does not apply to 15 this grievance inasmuch as it was filed by Local 16 310 and not the Cleveland Building Trades 17 Council. If the Cleveland Building Trades 18 Council joins in the grievance, it doesn't 19 change any of the issues here today, and there's 20 no prejudice to University Hospitals if this 21 occurs at this time. 22 MR. CAMPBELL: What is our 23 Our position is first and foremost position? 24 that University Hospitals and Gilbane have 25 raised the issue of arbitrability from the

- 1 outset of this. We have pointed to the fact
- 2 that their lack of parties to bringing this
- 3 grievance. So this is one where after we've
- 4 been through one set of -- an answer, a Motion
- 5 to Dismiss, one day of hearing to address our
- 6 Motion to Dismiss, a Federal Court process which
- 7 involved me filing a complaint, a Motion to Stay
- 8 and Motion For Temporary Restraining Order, and
- 9 in opposition to that, it is far too late in the
- 10 process for us to be here at this hearing today
- 11 adding a new party to this matter, so we
- 12 strongly object to it.
- Number 2, this is not an employee of
- 14 the Building Trades Council. The Building
- 15 Trades Council have absolutely no relation to
- 16 this, and how they can file a Demand For
- 17 Arbitration at this point and amend, I don't see
- 18 how under the AAA process it could be on the day
- of the hearing that we're going to have a new
- 20 party that the union believes is necessary and
- 21 critical to this.
- So I think it necessarily means that
- this matter should be dismissed by the mere fact
- 24 that they are moving to amend the complaints
- after all of the process we've been through.

54 1 MS. GRAGEL: If I may respond 2 briefly, it is not the position of Local 310 3 that the Cleveland Building Trades Council is 4 necessary. Throughout these proceedings the 5 union has come forward saying that the Project 6 Labor Agreement is binding on University 7 Hospitals at each of the 17 unions that 8 comprised the Cleveland Building Trades Council. 9 But in the event that there is viewed by anybody 10 that there's some legal impediment to 11 proceeding -- to having this arbitration decided 12 on the merits because some organization isn't 13 named, they're here to be named. 14 MR. FELDMAN: Let me take a look 15 at the grievance in this case. Do you have it 16 with you? MS. GRAGEL: I do. 17 18 MR. CAMPBELL: Can we mark this as 19 an exhibit so the record is clear? 20 MR. FELDMAN: Sure. Mark it. 21 (Thereupon, Union Exhibit 1 was 22 marked for purposes of 23 identification.) 24 MS. GRAGEL: We had intended to 25 offer it as Union 1. If you'd like to mark it

55 1 some other way, that's fine, too. 2. MR. FELDMAN: Union 1. 3 fine. This is the form of union? 4 MS. GRAGEL: Yes. 5 Did you prepare MR. FELDMAN: 6 these comments on this document? 7 MS. GRAGEL: Yes. 8 MR. FELDMAN: The reason I ask 9 is -- well, it may be that from the top of it it 10 says your claim confirmation number, 11 002-U9N-J5O, and the notation of AAA. Is that 12 not right? 13 MS. GRAGEL: This is the 14 document that is generated after an online 15 filing. So as to the indication there, "claim 16 description, " starting there, on December 1st, 17 2007 --18 That is your MR. FELDMAN: 19 writing? 20 MS. GRAGEL: -- that is my 21 drafting. And the data that I inserted stopped 22 after the quotation from the arbitration clause. 23 MR. FELDMAN: Let me read this 24 for a moment. 25 Is there any prejudice that Cleveland

56 1 Building Trades is now --2. MR. CAMPBELL: Absolutely. 3 What is it? MR. FELDMAN: 4 MR. CAMPBELL: The prejudice is 5 that we've been going through many motions and 6 arguments to the court with substantial costs 7 and time due to the lack of proper parties, and 8 that is not the only issue as to arbitrability. 9 And I might say that after this motion, I need 10 to make a statement as to arbitrability to make 11 the record clear. But to at this point, after 12 we've already been through arbitrability, after 13 we've already been through Federal Court 14 litigation, we've already had an argument with 15 the court, to now come in with the Building 16 Trades Council, it's not proper. It's 17 absolutely prejudicial to us. We already have a 18 complaint to vacate. You've already issued your 19 decision on arbitrability and we believe it 20 would be highly prejudicial to UH to now change 21 this record to bring in essentially a party with 22 no relevance to this except for to try to cure a 23 deficiency that they've known of since day one. 24 25 MR. FELDMAN: Several things.

57 1 The arbitrator does not know of any deficiency 2 in the writing before me. 3 MR. CAMPBELL: Then why include 4 them? 5 Secondly, I know of MR. FELDMAN: 6 no court proceedings in this matter because I've 7 not been privy to them nor a recipient of them. 8 So while I hear you, I'm not cognizant of it. 9 Okay, understood. MR. CAMPBELL: 10 I respect that position. All I'm saying if 11 there's not a reason to join them, then we are 12 just doing a meaningless act. 13 MR. FELDMAN: It doesn't really make much difference because the Cleveland 14 15 Building Trades and Construction Trades Council 16 and various unions are stated in clear language 17 in the writing of the claim description. 18 true that the complainant's name is Building and 19 Construction Laborers Local Union 310 and the 20 council is not mentioned as part of the 21 claimants in this matter, but --22 MR. CAMPBELL: Which is also 23 clear. 24 Yeah. I think it MR. FELDMAN: 25 may be too late to correct this by

58 1 inter-lineation in this matter. It should have 2 been thought of when you filed it and not now, 3 so I'm going to overrule your motion. 4 Thank you. MR. CAMPBELL: 5 If you think you MR. FELDMAN: 6 have another claim, then you file it. I don't 7 know if your time has lapsed. 8 MS. GRAGEL: We're prepared to 9 proceed on the arguments that we have advanced 10 throughout the arbitrability phase of this case. 11 MR. FELDMAN: The arbitrability 12 order is on the record. 13 We're ready to MS. GRAGEL: proceed on the merits, and we believe that the 14 15 proper parties are here to proceed. 16 MR. CAMPBELL: If I can just make 17 a statement. 18 Hold on a minute. MR. FELDMAN: 19 Did you want to make a statement? 20 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. 21 With regard to the MR. FELDMAN: 22 case? 23 No, I just want to MR. CAMPBELL: 24 make a statement because as the arbitrator 25 knows, and based on this motion it's quite

- 1 evident that one of the primary issues from the
- 2 outset of this Demand For Arbitration once it
- was filed has been the respondents raising the
- 4 issue of arbitrability.
- 5 MR. FELDMAN: That's over with.
- 6 We're past that.
- 7 MR. CAMPBELL: Just for the
- 8 record, if I could, I just need to have a
- 9 statement that makes it clear, under the case
- 10 law we need to make clear that we are moving
- 11 forward with reservation, that we are still
- 12 challenging the arbitrability of this. We've
- taken this not only to a Motion to Dismiss and
- 14 argued it to this arbitrator, but we've also
- 15 filed a complaint, which is still pending in the
- 16 Federal District Court for the Northern District
- of Ohio. We've filed a Motion to Stay, which is
- 18 still pending, and we have a Temporary
- 19 Restraining Order, which was fully briefed and
- 20 denied last night orally and denied in writing
- 21 today without opinion.
- MR. FELDMAN: Who is the court?
- 23 MR. CAMPBELL: It is Judge Boyko
- 24 from the Federal District Court, Northern
- 25 District of Ohio. I would be happy to provide

60 1 you with the filings after today's hearing. 2. MR. FELDMAN: I just want to see 3 the denial. 4 MR. CAMPBELL: It is just simply a minute order which is denied. It just simply 5 6 says, "TRO denied." 7 MR. FELDMAN: Put it in the 8 record when you get to it. 9 MR. CAMPBELL: I think Ms. Gragel 10 has a copy and we would be happy to put it in 11 the record. We can put that in as Joint 12 Exhibit. Let me ask you one question. We 13 already had the PLA as a Joint Exhibit, I 14 believe. 15 That's correct. MS. GRAGEL: 16 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm assuming this 17 proceeding is a continuous record and we're now 18 on Joint Exhibit 2. MS. GRAGEL: I think that makes 19 20 sense. 21 (Thereupon, Joint Exhibit 2 was 22 marked for purposes of 23 identification.) 24 MR. CAMPBELL: So Joint Exhibit 2, 25 Mr. Arbitrator, is the record from the Federal

61 1 District Court. It has denied the TRO without 2 the decision. And we are just simply stating 3 for the record that pursuant to the Sixth 4 Circuit decision in the Cleveland Electric 5 Illuminating Company, Utility Workers Union of 6 America, 440 F.3d 809 Sixth Circuit 2006, that 7 we are moving forward with reservations, that 8 the respondents continue to believe that 9 arbitrability should be reviewed by the Federal 10 District Court. We deny that this issue, this 11 Demand For Arbitration, Union Exhibit 1, is 12 properly arbitrated under the Project Labor 13 Agreement; and I just want to make clear for the 14 record that pursuant to the Sixth Circuit 15 authority, we're moving forward pursuant to the 16 court's direction as to the TRO with reservation 17 and we are maintaining our arbitrability 18 objections and arguments. 19 MR. FELDMAN: So ordered. 20 If I may --MS. GRAGEL: 21 What's Joint 1? MR. FELDMAN: 22 MS. GRAGEL: Joint 1, 23 Mr. Arbitrator, from the prior hearing was the

25 attachments. One, 2, 3, 4 are attached to Joint

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62 1 1 as part of the Project Labor Agreement. 2. MR. FELDMAN: Let me just glance 3 at this for a moment, please. This is a 4 continuation of the hearing. 5 You wanted to make a statement. 6 Yes. Thank you for MR. CAMPBELL: 7 the time. I just wanted to make clear about our 8 position. 9 Very briefly, Local MS. GRAGEL: 10 310 disagrees with opposing counsel's 11 interpretation of the CEI case of the Sixth 12 Circuit. 13 That's going to be MR. FELDMAN: 14 argued in another forum. 15 And we do not MS. GRAGEL: 16 believe that this reservation of rights to 17 challenge jurisdiction is appropriate. 18 facts of this case resemble those of CEI where 19 the court held that there had been a waiver of 20 the right to contest arbitrability in a court 21 tribunal by going through the process as we 22 have. 23 Ms. Gragel, there's MR. FELDMAN: 24 been no waiver here. The employer has presented

the issue of arbitrability ever since we sat

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- down the first time. He's presented it again
- 2 today, and as far as I'm concerned, they've not
- 3 waived anything in that regard by going forward.
- 4 I'm spreading that on the record. So I'm
- 5 overruling your commentary by virtue of what the
- 6 clear facts reveal.
- 7 Is there anything else?
- 8 MS. GRAGEL: The issue of CEI,
- 9 Your Honor, does require --
- 10 MR. FELDMAN: But that's --
- 11 MS. GRAGEL: -- the parties to
- 12 present --
- 13 MR. FELDMAN: That's going to be
- 14 argued in another forum. I'm not going to
- 15 comment on Federal Law unless I have to in
- 16 some -- I can't think of a fact in this case
- 17 that I'm talking about Federal Law.
- 18 MS. GRAGEL: Nor is the
- 19 arbitrator required to interpret Federal Law,
- 20 but the issue of CEI was fully briefed to Judge
- 21 Boyko. We don't accept the fact that there has
- been any reservation of rights in an appropriate
- way prior to this proceeding, and we simply
- 24 don't want the record to stand without that
- 25 response from us.

64 1 MR. FELDMAN: Anything else? 2 MS. GRAGEL: That's all on 3 behalf of union. 4 MR. CAMPBELL: I have one issue. 5 I don't know if we've decided it, but I do think 6 that based on the Demand for Arbitration, Union 7 1, it's evident that their argument is a matter 8 of contract interpretation. It's my 9 understanding in contract interpretation cases 10 that the union goes first. 11 MR. FELDMAN: Well, this is a 12 termination case, and you have to prove the 13 reason for the termination of the seniority and 14 I want you to go first. I don't think this is a 15 contract interpretation case. As far as I'm 16 concerned, this grievant was terminated from his 17 seniority by the attorney's client and I do want 18 you to go first. 19 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. I just 20 wanted to note our objection for the record. 21 Can I do a brief opening statement? 22 MR. FELDMAN: Absolutely. 23 Thank you. MR. CAMPBELL: 24 The respondents in this case are 25 University Hospitals Health System and Gilbane

- 1 Construction Manager, Gilbane Construction. You
- 2 will hear witnesses from both University
- 3 Hospitals as well as Gilbane. In addition,
- 4 there's a third party that is relevant to the
- 5 respondent's position and that is Sodexho,
- 6 S-o-d-e-x-h-o. University Hospitals contracts
- 7 with Sodexho in order to run its cafeteria
- 8 services. In this case, the cafeteria in
- 9 question is on the main campus of University
- 10 Hospitals Health System, and I'm going to refer
- 11 to it as UH. The main campus is located on
- 12 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. The cafeteria
- is quite large, and at the center of a number of
- 14 hospitals, including Rainbow Children's Hospital
- and several of the other main hospitals as part
- of the University Hospitals Health System.
- 17 Sodexho operates the cafeteria, and
- in addition, supervises pursuant to contract
- 19 with UH certain UH employees. One of those UH
- 20 employees is Lattisia Hanson, who is employed as
- 21 a cashier in the cafeteria. She is a UH
- 22 employee employed pursuant to the policies and
- 23 procedures of UH.
- MR. FELDMAN: She's a UH
- 25 employee?

66 1 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. You will hear 2 Ms. Hanson testify, as well as a number of 3 Sodexho employees. A very large construction 4 project, as you know, Vision 2010, is ongoing 5 and has been ongoing for several years. 6 manages the construction project, and the 7 contractors bid on and are granted -- their bids 8 are accepted pursuant to the Project Labor 9 Agreement between UH and Cleveland Building and 10 Construction Trades Council. The council is a laborer organization, but not a party to this 11 12 Demand for Arbitration. 13 The PLA has many attributes to it, including diversity, regionalism as to hiring 14 15 requirements that the union has agreed to assist 16 as to the City of Cleveland residents, MBE, 17 minority business enterprises, female business 18 enterprises, many other things. In addition, 19 the Project Labor Agreement includes that the 20 unions will comply with UH's code of conduct and UH's policies and procedures pursuant to 21 22 paragraph 7 of the PLA. 23 On the night in question, 24 Mr. Harting, who is employed by Rivera 25 Construction Company -- again, Rivera is not a

- 1 party to this Demand for Arbitration and is not
- 2 here at this arbitration. Rivera was
- 3 Mr. Harting's employer. Rivera was working on
- 4 the UH project pursuant to the Project Labor
- 5 Agreements and pursuant to a bid. Mr. Harting
- 6 was never employed by UH or Gilbane, either of
- 7 the two respondents in this matter.
- What transpired is, first of all,
- 9 when Mr. Harting and other union employees come
- on, and I'm certain we'll hear the union
- 11 representatives testify to it, that they are
- 12 advised by Gilbane as to certain safety
- 13 procedures as well as the code of conduct that
- 14 they are to follow when on UH property. As with
- any visitor, whether it's Dave Campbell visiting
- the cafeteria, visits a patient or do legal
- work, construction workers are granted employee
- 18 badges, are given directions as to areas that
- 19 they cannot go into and given directions as to
- 20 certain conduct they cannot partake in.
- One of the areas that they cannot go
- into in addition to patient areas without direct
- 23 authority is the cafeteria. Construction
- 24 workers have been advised and the Building
- 25 Trades Council have agreed that the construction

- 1 workers are to bring their own lunch or do
- 2 different things other than going into the
- 3 cafeteria that is on site UH property. You'll
- 4 hear Mr. Harting admit he and some of his
- 5 co-workers, some of his fellow union brothers
- 6 and sisters went into the cafeteria, and on the
- 7 night in question he believed he was
- 8 shortchanged when he went through the cash
- 9 register line by Lattisia Hanson, a UH employee
- 10 and cashier.
- 11 The Sodexho managers reviewed this
- 12 allegation on the film, reviewed the amount of
- cash that was provided, and verified that there
- was no shortchanging based on the video.
- 15 Whether or not there was a shortchanging,
- 16 Mr. Harting's response was highly inappropriate.
- 17 You'll hear Ms. Hanson say -- and for purposes
- of this I'm going to have to use some language
- 19 that we would normally not use -- that he called
- 20 her a nigger, he called her a thief, and he did
- 21 this with a long line of both other union
- 22 employees and other visitors to UH.
- Ms. Hanson -- in fact, it got to be
- 24 so loud and argumentative that Sodexho managers
- 25 had to come over and separate Mr. Harting from

- 1 the scene and asked him to leave the cafeteria.
- 2 The next day he came in and at this point
- 3 Ms. Hanson did not raise the racial comments,
- 4 just simply that Sodexho understood that this
- 5 gentleman was upset, believed he was
- 6 shortchanged. They reviewed the film,
- 7 determined that he wasn't shortchanged, but,
- 8 nonetheless, Sodexho, pursuant to their customer
- 9 relations mantra, not knowing that he was a
- 10 construction worker who shouldn't have been
- 11 there, not knowing about the racial comments,
- 12 tried to resolve the situation by giving him a
- 13 meal coupon that would remedy it as they would
- 14 with any customer that had a dispute.
- 15 Again, you'll hear Mr. Harting was
- 16 threatening, was cussing, again, called
- 17 Ms. Hanson a thief despite getting this. You'll
- 18 hear from a number of Sodexho managers that even
- 19 the following day he was calling her a "fucking
- thief" and asking for her to be let go.
- Ms. Hanson when she saw this came
- forward and gave the complete story to Sodexho.
- 23 Sodexho recommended to UH that Mr. Harting not
- 24 be permitted to return to the cafeteria. UH,
- and you'll hear Ms. Peplowski testify as an HR

70 1 manager fully investigated this, interviewed all 2 the relevant players, and determined that Mr. Harting violated UH's policies, procedures 3 4 and code of conduct. 5 He stated in front of many other 6 people that Ms. Hanson was a thief, he was 7 threatening, he was loud, he was argumentative 8 and he used a racial slur. Anybody, whether a 9 construction worker, Dave Campbell or any other 10 visitor to UH or any employee would have been 11 excluded. 12 Based on that, you'll hear Gilbane's 13 representative come in and say that, yes, they 14 were directed to remove him. Before removing 15 him, they questioned him about whether he was in 16 the cafeteria on the night in question and whether there was an incident. He freely 17 18 admitted that there was an argument and freely 19 admitted that he was upset. 20 At that point they excluded him from the work site, as they continue to do when 21 22 somebody violates the policy. In fact, there's 23 another Laborer 310 representative who was 24 removed recently due to workplace violence. Αt 25 this point we have not had a grievance. Wе

71 1 fully expect that based on the arbitrability 2 decision we will get another one because 3 Laborers 310, it's their position that UH does 4 not have the right to exclude contractors or 5 employees from the work site if they violate our 6 policies and procedures. 7 We believe that the facts in this case clearly show this is not a just cause 8 9 decision; there is nothing in the Project Labor 10 Agreement that says just cause, it's just simply 11 a matter of you will comply with our policies 12 and procedures. You will hear the evidence 13 clearly state that he violated our policies and 14 procedures and code of conduct, and it's UH's 15 position that he was properly excused from the 16 project. His seniority was not terminated by 17 He was free to go work on any other project 18 in the community or any other project within 19 Laborers 310 jurisdiction. 20 He could have continued to work for 21 Rivera, and we'll hear if he did. He could have 22 went out to any non-UH project. Rivera or 23 whatever conduct they did, if they discharged

him pursuant to seniority, that was not at our

We simply said, Rivera, as long as

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request.

72 1 you're working here, Laborers 310, as long as 2 you're sending out laborers, you cannot send 3 Mr. Harting to our work site. 4 So it's our position, and although we 5 have strongly objected as the arbitrator has 6 pointed out on arbitrability from the get-go on 7 the merits of this case, there is no question 8 that Mr. Harting was properly excluded from the 9 work site; and it is common in any work site 10 across America that the owner is going to have 11 the ability to exclude individuals who do this. 12 UH has zero tolerance for racial 13 epithets, racial slurs, racial harassment, and 14 this conduct is simply unacceptable as in the 15 Project Labor Agreement, and all of the efforts 16 the union and the Building Trades Council and UH 17 have taken in order to improve diversity and 18 make this project something that the City of 19 Cleveland and Northeast Ohio can be proud of. 20 So it's our position that the grievance should 21 be denied in its entirety and Mr. Harting should be directed to be assigned to work outside of 22 23 the UH project. Thank you for your time. 24 You see I have MR. FELDMAN:

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Joint Exhibit 1.

73 1 MR. CAMPBELL: We can get you a 2 copy of it. Let me step out to get a witness. 3 MR. FELDMAN: What part of this 4 do you say was -- you have a reference in your 5 opening statement to Joint Exhibit 1. 6 MR. CAMPBELL: Paragraph 7, page 7 3. 8 MR. FELDMAN: Thank you. 9 TODD GERBER 10 of lawful age, a witness herein, was examined 11 and testified as follows: 12 MR. FELDMAN: For the record, may 13 I have your name? 14 MR. GERBER: Todd Gerber. 15 T-o-d-d? MR. FELDMAN: 16 MR. GERBER: Correct. 17 MR. FELDMAN: G-e-r-b-e-r? 18 MR. GERBER: Correct. 19 MR. FELDMAN: Do you understand, 20 sir, that you're under oath? 21 Yes. MR. GERBER: 22 You may inquire. MR. FELDMAN: 23 Mr. Arbitrator, I'm MS. GRAGEL: 24 sorry, with the fan, is it Gerber? 25 MR. GERBER: G-e-r-b-e-r.

74 1 Thank you. MS. GRAGEL: 2 DIRECT EXAMINATION 3 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 4 Could you please state your name? Q. 5 Todd Gerber. Α. 6 Would you please spell Gerber? Q. G-e-r-b-e-r. 7 Α. 8 Are you employed? Q. 9 Α. Yes. 10 And who is your employer? Q. 11 Gilbane Building Company. Α. 12 And how long have you been employed, I'm 0. 13 going to refer to them as Gilbane. How long 14 have been employed by Gilbane? 15 Three and a half years. Α. 16 And what is your title? Q. 17 Title is project engineer. 18 And if you could briefly, what are your 19 duties? State your duties and responsibilities 20 as project engineer. 21 Actually I worked as the project manager on Α. 22 the neonatal intensive care project. 23 On what project? MR. FELDMAN: 24 The NICU project, MR. GERBER: 25 University Hospitals NICU project.

- 1 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 2 Q. Okay. And so you worked as a project
- 3 manager on the NICU project. Is NICU N-I-C-U?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And what do you do as project engineer?
- 6 A. Responsible for the day-to-day activities
- of the project, everything from, you know,
- 8 scheduling, to budget, those types of
- 9 activities.
- 10 Q. And when you say "project," is it for all
- of Vision 2010 or certain portions of it?
- 12 A. Certain portions. Just the NICU project
- was my responsibility.
- 14 Q. Tell us, how large is the Vision 2010
- 15 project.
- 16 A. The entire project for Gilbane consisted of
- four projects, which was the Ahuja project, the
- 18 cancer project, the NICU project and the CEM
- 19 project.
- 20 Q. And if we're talking about construction
- 21 dollars, how many millions of dollars?
- 22 A. I think it's -- I think our contract is
- 23 approximately \$350 million.
- 24 Q. Is Vision 2010 larger than Gilbane's
- 25 portion of the construction?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Do you have an approximate amount?
- 3 A. I don't know anything beyond our portion.
- 4 Q. Are there other hospitals being
- 5 constructed?
- 6 A. In terms of --
- 7 O. Outside of the Gilbane contract.
- 8 A. Are there other hospitals?
- 9 Q. Yes. Is there other construction projects
- 10 in Vision 2010?
- 11 A. Yes. If I'm not mistaken, there are.
- 12 There's other components such as -- like there
- was a parking garage, a service building, there
- 14 were other components outside of our contract
- 15 for Vision 2010.
- 16 Q. What is Gilbane? As part of Gilbane's
- portion of Vision 2010, what is Gilbane's title
- 18 on the project?
- 19 A. We are the construction manager for the
- 20 owner.
- 21 Q. Does Gilbane employ any of the actual
- 22 construction workers on the Vision 2010
- 23 projects?
- 24 A. In terms of labor force, workers, actually
- performing a trade, no, Gilbane does not.

- 1 Q. Let's take it one step back. Let the
- 2 record reflect that I'm handing you, Mr. Gerber,
- 3 what's been marked as Joint Exhibit 1 and I want
- 4 to ask you, do you recognize that document?
- 5 A. Yes. This is the Project Labor Agreement.
- 6 O. And tell us a little bit. What does the
- 7 Project Labor Agreement mean to Gilbane's duties
- 8 at UH?
- 9 A. Sure. The Project Labor Agreement means
- 10 that the owner has elected that the project be
- 11 performed with union labor; and this is the
- 12 agreement between the hospital or the owner and
- the trade unions that formalized the agreement
- 14 that they're entering into.
- 15 Q. If you could turn to page 14 of that
- document, and if you could look just so we're
- 17 clear as to the parties, it says, "In witness
- 18 hereof, the parties have hereunto set their hand
- 19 as of the date first above written, " what are
- 20 the two parties on the right-hand side of page
- 21 14?
- 22 A. Sure. It's between University Hospitals,
- 23 Steve Stanley signed it, and Loree Soggs,
- 24 executive secretary is the title, and if I'm not
- 25 mistaken, he's part of the -- I don't know the

- 1 exact organization.
- 2 Q. What is the -- above Loree Soggs'
- 3 signature, what is the entity above it?
- 4 A. There it is, Cleveland Building and
- 5 Construction Trades Council.
- 6 Q. Is Gilbane a party to this Project Labor
- 7 Agreement?
- 8 A. No, we're not.
- 9 O. Now, Gilbane has been asked by UH to
- 10 enforce the Project Labor Agreement on the
- 11 construction project?
- 12 A. Yes, that is our responsibility.
- 13 Q. Who actually employs the construction
- 14 workers? What type of entities? How is that
- 15 done? If Gilbane doesn't employ --
- 16 A. Sure. What we do is we go out and we will
- 17 hire what we refer to as a prime contractor, who
- is a trade contractor that would actually
- 19 either, A, have agreements with the unions to
- 20 perform the work, or, B, their contracts would
- 21 be packaged and they would have subcontracts
- 22 underneath them with different companies that
- 23 provide the trade work for us.
- 24 Q. Now, let me ask you about Gilbane's rules.
- Let me show you another group of exhibits.

79 1 (Thereupon, Respondent's Exhibit 1 2 was marked for purposes of 3 identification.) 4 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 5 Todd, I've handed you what's been marked as 6 Respondent's 1. If you could, on your right 7 look at that group of documents. Do you 8 recognize Respondent's 1? 9 Α. Yes. 10 And what is Respondent's 1? 0. 11 Respondent 1 is a series of documents from Α. 12 the Gilbane Safety Plan. The top document is --13 and as part of our safety plan all individuals 14 entering the project have to go through a safety 15 orientation, so the top three pages are actually 16 the safety orientation quiz that the individuals 17 take. They watch a video on safety and 18 infection control as part of that. 19 The third document as part of the safety 20 plan is a code of safe practices that we ask 21 everybody to sign off on. 22 I want to refer you to number 11. Could 0. 23 you read number 11? 24 "I will conduct myself in a Sure. 25 professional manner and not engage in any

- 1 violence, horseplay, practical jokes or other
- 2 behavior obnoxious to the general public. I
- 3 will not harass anyone else on site or any
- 4 member of the public, sexually or otherwise. I
- 5 will not bring onsite or write or draw any
- 6 sexually explicit materials."
- 7 Q. Okay. And are these provided to the union
- 8 employees when they come on site?
- 9 A. Sure. It's part of our safety orientation
- 10 process. And then actually the last page is
- when all individuals complete the safety
- orientation, they go to the hospital and
- 13 actually get a badge from the hospital as part
- 14 of the --
- 15 Q. And what is that badge? What does the
- 16 badge signify or what does it signify?
- 17 A. The badge signifies I guess a couple
- 18 things. Everybody saw the safety video,
- 19 everybody provided evidence of a negative drug
- test, everybody provided a criminal background
- 21 check, and they completed all the orientation
- requirements, and that badge allowed them access
- 23 into the hospital.
- 24 Q. Okay. And so the employee badge would have
- been required of Mr. Harting, the Laborers 310

- 1 employee in question in this grievance?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Now, you were looking at the Project Labor
- 4 Agreement, Joint Exhibit 1, the larger document.
- 5 If you could turn to attachment D in that
- 6 document.
- 7 MR. FELDMAN: "D" as in dog?
- 8 MR. CAMPBELL: "D" as in dog, yes.
- 9 MR. GERBER: Yes.
- 10 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 11 Q. That is entitled Attachment D, Safety Plan.
- 12 What is that document?
- 13 A. This is the Gilbane Vision 2010 Safety
- 14 Plan.
- 15 Q. And if you could turn to page 8 of 67 of
- 16 Attachment "D" as in dog?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And do you see the responsibilities there
- 19 as to courtesy and personal conduct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And "Courtesy: Employees shall observe
- 22 standards of behavior and conduct their work in
- a manner to avoid offending any owner, employees
- 24 or visitors. Each individual on this project
- 25 must be given the courtesy that would be

- 1 extended to one's family or best friend." Do
- 2 you see that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And then the personal conduct, it's
- 5 practical jokes, horseplay, scuffling or
- 6 wrestling or fighting is prohibited?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MR. FELDMAN: I finally got to
- 9 page 67.
- 10 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm looking at two
- 11 portions of that, Courtesy, under all employees
- 12 shall observe the following rules of conduct,
- and that is what Mr. Gerber read from as to the
- 14 family or best friend, and then the personal
- 15 conduct below.
- 16 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 17 Q. Todd, is Attachment D applicable to union
- 18 employees working in Vision 2010?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Now, let's talk about Mr. Harting. Have
- 21 you been involved in the issues that comprise
- this grievance? Have you been involved with
- 23 Mr. Harting before today?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Tell the arbitrator how you've been

83 1 involved. 2 Sure. We had notice of an incident in the Α. 3 cafeteria. 4 MR. FELDMAN: Can you tell me 5 when that occurred? 6 I can tell you it MR. GERBER: 7 was approximately January. The specific date, I 8 would have to go back --9 I'm interested in MR. FELDMAN: facts from the witness, not an opinion. 10 Tell me 11 when it occurred. 12 If you know. MR. CAMPBELL: 13 MR. FELDMAN: He's got to tell me 14 what he knows about it. 15 Absolutely. MR. CAMPBELL: MR. GERBER: I don't know the 16 specific date it occurred. 17 18 When did you first MR. FELDMAN: 19 get involved? 20 MR. GERBER: I received an e-mail notice from my manager that there was an 21 22 incident in the cafeteria. 23 MR. FELDMAN: What date? 24 MR. GERBER: I don't know the 25 date off the top of my head. And from there we

- 1 contacted Ozanne Construction Company.
- 2 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 3 Q. And what is Ozanne, if you can tell us?
- 4 A. Ozanne was the prime contractor that
- 5 Gilbane was in contract with. We knew the
- 6 individual was a laborer. We had Mr. Harting's
- 7 last name. We gave that information to Ozanne
- 8 and requested them to come down to our offices
- 9 to discuss the incident.
- 10 O. Did he come down?
- 11 A. Yes, he did, he came down.
- 12 Q. Do you recognize Mr. Harting?
- 13 A. Yes, I do.
- 14 Q. Is he sitting at the end of the table?
- 15 A. Yes, to my right.
- 16 Q. Tell us what happened in that meeting.
- 17 MR. FELDMAN: First tell me when
- 18 the meeting was.
- 19 MR. GERBER: The meeting was in
- 20 the evening at the end of the day.
- 21 MR. FELDMAN: You've got a date?
- 22 MR. GERBER: The date of the
- 23 meeting was the same date -- I don't know the
- 24 date off the top of my head. Mr. Harting was
- working second shift. The meeting was

- 1 approximately 5:00 in the evening. He came down
- 2 to our offices with the supervisor from Ozanne
- 3 Construction and the project manager from Ozanne
- 4 Construction. We went into our conference room
- 5 with myself, Gilbane's general superintendent,
- 6 Mr. Harting and the two gentlemen from Ozanne.
- 7 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 8 Q. Let me ask you, did Gilbane independently
- 9 investigate this issue?
- 10 A. No. This was our investigation.
- 11 Q. But UH -- when you saw the e-mail, Gilbane
- 12 had been directed to exclude Mr. Harting from
- 13 the work site; is that correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And at that point your investigation was
- 16 limited to what you were --
- 17 MR. FELDMAN: Tell me when this
- 18 occurred.
- 19 MR. CAMPBELL: This occurred, I
- 20 believe based on our Demand for Arbitration.
- 21 we'll hear -- it says early February 2009. We
- 22 have the notes that the UH representatives will
- 23 testify as to the exact date. With that,
- 24 Mr. Gerber is here about this meeting and the UH
- employees.

86 1 MR. FELDMAN: Could I have a date 2 of the meeting? Do you know that? 3 Based on the Demand MR. CAMPBELL: 4 for Arbitration it simply says early February 5 2009. 6 Do you know the MS. GRAGEL: 7 date and we can stipulate to it? 8 MR. GERBER: Is there a calendar 9 I can look at? I might be able to pinpoint a 10 date? 11 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, I have my 12 written calendar. I'm handing him February 13 2009. 14 MS. GRAGEL: You might need to 15 go back to January. 16 MR. CAMPBELL: It looks like 17 January -- it happened in January and it looks 18 like early February, February 2nd or 3rd, I 19 believe. 20 I think the date we MR. GERBER: 21 met was February 2nd. We took the badge back 22 and we turned it over to the owner on February 23 3rd. 24 MR. FELDMAN: This meeting you're 25 talking about -- have a seat, sir.

87 1 MR. GERBER: Sure. 2 MR. FELDMAN: This meeting you're 3 talking about occurred on February 2nd? 4 Yes, I believe. MR. GERBER: 5 And does that MR. FELDMAN: 6 refresh the date that you received the e-mail? 7 MR. GERBER: Yes. 8 MR. FELDMAN: What was that date? 9 February 2nd. MR. GERBER: 10 So you got an MR. FELDMAN: 11 e-mail on February 2nd and subsequent to that 12 e-mail you had a meeting somewhere around --13 MR. GERBER: 5:00 in the 14 evening. 15 7:00 p.m.? MR. FELDMAN: 16 MR. GERBER: 5:00 p.m. was the 17 meeting. 18 That was MR. FELDMAN: 19 February 2nd, 2009? 20 MR. GERBER: Correct. 21 If you could tell MR. CAMPBELL: 22 us what happened at that meeting to the best of 23 your recollection. 24 MR. GERBER: Sure. At the 25 meeting Mr. Harting came in. We inquired if

- 1 there was an incident in the cafeteria. He
- 2 explained he had purchased some food and there
- 3 was an issue with some change. We asked him if
- 4 he knew he wasn't supposed to be in the
- 5 cafeteria. He said he was. We said for that
- 6 reason we have to take his badge back, which we
- 7 did. He turned over his badge to us, and we
- 8 informed him that he was no longer to go into
- 9 the facility and he had to leave the project
- 10 site.
- 11 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 12 Q. Two questions. First of all, as to the
- 13 cafeteria ban, tell the arbitrator about that.
- 14 A. Part of the UH rules is that they did not
- 15 want us to -- they didn't want any of the
- 16 contractors to use their facilities for their --
- their facilities were for the patients, so that
- was a rule we passed on to all the contractors.
- 19 Q. So it was not just the cafeteria, it was
- other areas of the hospital that patients were
- 21 normally using?
- 22 A. The rule is specific to the cafeteria.
- 23 They did not want them using the cafeteria.
- 24 **Q.** Did Mr. Harting describe to you any of the
- 25 incident involving the shortchanging in his

- 1 view?
- 2 A. Yes. He explained that he was waiting in
- 3 line for a period of time. When he got to the
- 4 register, he gave them some money. He either
- 5 gave them a 10 or a 20, and they gave back
- 6 change that wasn't consistent with the money he
- 7 gave them. My understanding is there was a
- 8 verbal altercation.
- 9 MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- 10 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 11 Q. Did he tell you that there was a verbal
- 12 altercation?
- 13 A. Yes. My understanding is there was a --
- 14 MR. FELDMAN: Understanding isn't
- 15 sufficient.
- 16 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 17 Q. You need to testify what he told you at
- 18 that meeting. Instead of "my understanding," if
- 19 you could say what he told you at the meeting.
- When you sat down with Mr. Harting, if you
- 21 could -- instead of saying "my understanding,"
- 22 say Mr. Harting informed me --
- 23 A. Sure. Mr. Harting informed me that an
- 24 argument ensued over the change, that a manager
- came out, and I think he got a coupon, and then

- 1 I think he left.
- 2 Q. Were you involved in any of the subsequent
- 3 meetings between his union and UH requesting him
- 4 to be returned to the work site?
- 5 A. I was not involved in any meetings.
- 6 O. Have other union employees been excluded
- 7 from the UH work site, to your knowledge, for
- 8 any period of time whether permanently or for a
- 9 short period of time?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. How many, to your knowledge?
- 12 A. I'm aware of an individual being removed on
- the CEM project and an individual being removed
- 14 on the cancer project.
- 15 MS. GRAGEL: Can we have time?
- 16 Can we have a function of time.
- 17 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm going to ask
- 18 him that.
- 19 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 20 Q. When was the CEM project completed
- 21 approximately?
- 22 A. Approximately in the fall.
- 23 **Q.** Of 2008?
- 24 A. Of 2008.
- 25 Q. To your knowledge, was there any grievances

1 or arbitrations under the Project Labor

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- 2 Agreement arising out of that?
- 3 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 4 Q. And you mentioned a second. What happened
- on the second exclusion, to your knowledge?
- 6 A. It was on the cancer project, and in terms
- 7 of timing, it was just recently.
- 8 MR. FELDMAN: It was what?
- 9 MR. GERBER: Just recently.
- 10 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 11 Q. Within days of today?
- 12 A. I don't know.
- 13 Q. Certainly within weeks?
- 14 A. Yes, within weeks of today.
- 15 MR. FELDMAN: Subsequent activity
- 16 can hardly prove prior.
- 17 MR. CAMPBELL: I just wanted to --
- 18 you can take it as you may.
- 19 Give me a moment to see if there's
- 20 any other questions I have for Todd. I don't
- 21 have any further questions for Mr. Gerbert at
- this time subject to the cross.
- MS. GRAGEL: Could I request a
- 24 five-minute recess?
- MR. FELDMAN: Make it a

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92 1 ten-minute. 2 MR. CAMPBELL: Let the record 3 reflect I will not talk to Todd while he's on 4 the stand. 5 (Thereupon, a recess was taken.) 6 MR. FELDMAN: Are you ready for 7 cross-examination? 8 MS. GRAGEL: I am. 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION 10 BY MS. GRAGEL: 11 Mr. Gerber, during the time that you were Q. 12 project engineer for University Hospitals, was 13 all of your work at the NICU project? 14 Α. Yes. 15 And that's on the main campus, correct? 0. 16 Correct. Α. 17 Was that where you maintained your business 18 office? 19 Yes. Α. 20 Did you have an office or a trailer? Q. 21 We have an office complex, which consists 22 of seven trailers approximately, down by the 23 corner of University Hospital Drive and Euclid 24 Avenue.

And how far away from that -- from the main

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- 1 cafeteria is that complex of trailers?
- 2 A. A couple hundred yards.
- 3 Q. During the three and a half year time that
- 4 you worked on site, did you go in the cafeteria?
- 5 A. I'd like to make a correction. I was only
- 6 on site a little over a year and a half, and I
- 7 never purchased anything from the cafeteria.
- 8 Q. Did you go in the cafeteria?
- 9 A. I've walked through the atrium space which
- 10 is adjacent to the cafeteria, but I never went
- 11 into the cafeteria proper.
- 12 Q. So you don't know if there were
- 13 construction workers eating or buying things in
- 14 the cafeteria?
- 15 A. No, I don't.
- 16 Q. Did you ever, yourself, or have anyone from
- 17 Gilbane do a walk-thru to check on that?
- 18 A. No, other than at our weekly progress
- 19 meetings we advised the contractors and reminded
- them not to use the facilities.
- 21 Q. And those weekly progress meetings would be
- 22 attended by contractors?
- 23 A. By our prime contractors, yes.
- 24 Q. And Ozanne was a prime contractor?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. And did you have any knowledge as to how,
- 2 if at all, Ozanne communicated that to its
- 3 subcontractors?
- 4 A. I do not.
- 5 Q. And do you know how, if at all, Ozanne
- 6 communicated it to its construction workers?
- 7 A. I'm not aware of how they communicated with
- 8 their trades.
- 9 Q. And do you know, sir, whether there was any
- 10 posted notice at or around the cafeteria at
- 11 University Hospitals regarding the rule you've
- described here at this hearing today?
- 13 A. I'm not aware of a posted notice.
- 14 Q. You have, sir -- can you get in front of
- 15 you Respondent's Exhibit 1, which is the
- 16 Comprehension Quiz?
- 17 **A.** Okay.
- 18 O. First of all, was this video -- was this
- done by video, or on the computer, or how was
- 20 this done?
- 21 A. Safety orientation consisted of two videos,
- 22 if I'm not mistaken.
- 23 O. And were those done in the Gilbane trailer
- 24 or somewhere else?
- 25 A. Yes, the Gilbane trailer.

- 1 Q. When you worked during that one and a half
- 2 year period on site, what was the last day that
- you worked on site, or are you still there?
- 4 A. I'm still on site.
- 5 Q. So we go back about 18 months to, what,
- 6 January of '08 is about when you started?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. So between January of '08 and now, what was
- 9 your usual work schedule?
- 10 A. I pretty much work starting approximately
- 11 at 7:00 in the morning to 6:30 in the evening
- 12 would be a typical day.
- 13 Q. And for construction workers who were
- 14 coming in to work the second shift, do you know
- when and how they received the videos that were
- 16 part of the orientation?
- 17 A. Orientation times were provided for the
- 18 first and the second shift.
- 19 Q. You said that the Gilbane part of the 2010
- 20 project covered NICU?
- 21 A. Correct.
- MR. FELDMAN: Let's go back a
- 23 minute. Was your answer that orientation times
- 24 were for the first and second shift?
- 25 MR. GERBER: Correct. We did

96 1 multiple orientations. We would do an 2 orientation for the morning group of individuals 3 and for the second shift group of individuals. 4 And this was MR. FELDMAN: 5 supposed to cover every trade on the block? 6 MR. GERBER: Every individual 7 that steps foot on the project is to go through 8 the Gilbane safety orientation. 9 And do you have MR. FELDMAN: 10 knowledge that the grievant attended the 11 orientation? 12 I would have to go MR. GERBER: 13 back and check our records to confirm when he 14 was oriented. 15 Do you think that's MR. FELDMAN: 16 an important facet? 17 Yes. MR. GERBER: 18 Then why don't you MR. FELDMAN: 19 have it with you? 20 MR. GERBER: I don't have an 21 answer for that. The only answer I could 22 provide you is the individual did have a badge, 23 which would indicate he was oriented because the 24 orientation is part of the badging process, which is the last sheet -- the badge 25

- 1 requirements are the last sheet of the handout.
- 2 MR. CAMPBELL: He's referring to
- 3 Respondent 1, the last page of Respondent 1.
- 4 MR. FELDMAN: I understand.
- 5 Continue, please.
- 6 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 7 Q. Following up on one of the arbitrator's
- 8 questions, and I'll go back to the job site
- 9 question, were you asked by University Hospitals
- 10 to provide to the investigator who was looking
- into the incident about Mr. Harting verification
- that he had gone through the orientation
- 13 process?
- 14 A. At what time are you referring to?
- 15 Q. Back in January or February of 2009.
- 16 A. No, we were never asked to provide evidence
- of the orientation. We were requested to get
- 18 his badge and turn it back in to the hospital.
- 19 Q. Now, I had started to ask you, sir,
- 20 Gilbane's role as construction manager covered
- 21 the NICU project plus three other projects I
- think you said?
- 23 A. If you go to Exhibit A, the PLA, I noticed
- 24 Exhibit A identifies all of the projects covered
- 25 by the -- page 15 on the --

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- 1 **Q.** Page 15 of Joint Exhibit 1.
- 2 A. Yes. So Gilbane's -- our contract with
- 3 University Hospitals covers the Cancer Hospital,
- 4 the Center for Emergency Medicine, the Neonatal
- 5 Intensive Care Unit, and our other project is
- 6 the Ahuja Medical Center, which is not on
- 7 campus, which potentially may not be part of
- 8 this PLA. I'm not certain of that. It is not
- 9 listed as one of the covered projects.
- 10 Q. Ahuja is out in Beachwood or Pepper Pike.
- 11 MR. CAMPBELL: Ahuja is part of a
- 12 second PLA that is outside the City of
- 13 Cleveland. Mr. Arbitrator, we have two PLAs,
- one for the City of Cleveland which includes the
- main campus, and the second that includes
- 16 projects outside the City of Cleveland.
- 17 MR. FELDMAN: Let's stay in the
- 18 town where the grievant was involved.
- 19 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 20 Q. The three projects that are listed here on
- 21 Exhibit A, cancer, emergency medicine and
- 22 neonatal intensive care, they are all in
- 23 downtown Cleveland around University Hospitals'
- 24 main campus, correct?
- 25 **A.** Main campus.

- 1 Q. Would you look with me back to Respondent's
- 2 Exhibit 1 of the orientation quiz? And all this
- 3 was done at the trailer down the street from
- 4 University Hospitals' cafeteria area?
- 5 A. Correct, at main campus.
- 6 Q. The third page of this is the project code
- 7 of safe practices, correct?
- 8 A. Correct, which as a side note is part of
- 9 the safety plan, which actually is this page of
- 10 the safety plan.
- 11 MR. CAMPBELL: Let the record
- 12 reflect he's pointing to Attachment D of Joint
- 13 Exhibit 1.
- 14 MR. GERBER: I think it's
- 15 page -- it's hard to read. It looks like
- 16 page 52 of 67 of the safety plan.
- 17 MR. CAMPBELL: Of Joint Exhibit 1,
- 18 Attachment D. I want the record to be clear.
- 19 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 20 Q. My question, sir, is back to the project
- 21 safety code page that's in Respondent's Exhibit
- 1. Is there anyplace in points 1 to 13 that
- 23 tells the construction workers that were working
- on the main campus that they were not allowed to
- 25 eat in the cafeteria of University Hospitals?

- 1 A. Item 7 says, "I will eat in designated
- 2 areas and dispose of trash in proper
- 3 containers." There is a list of University
- 4 Hospitals' rules that is incorporated in
- 5 everybody's contract, and one of the rules was
- 6 to not use the cafeteria.
- 7 Q. My question is, is it on this sheet of
- 8 paper?
- 9 MR. CAMPBELL: Object. Asked and
- 10 answered.
- 11 MR. GERBER: I answered yes,
- 12 that they are to eat in designated areas, and
- 13 the cafeteria was a non-designated area.
- 14 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 15 Q. And if I'm looking at this page, how do I
- 16 know that from looking at this page?
- 17 A. There is other information covered at the
- 18 safety orientation meeting.
- 19 MR. FELDMAN: Answer the
- 20 question.
- 21 MR. GERBER: It is not on this
- 22 page, other than --
- MR. FELDMAN: Next question.
- 24 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 25 Q. Now, then, you started talking to me a bit

- 1 about the actual project safety plan, which is
- 2 part of -- which is Attachment D to Joint
- 3 Exhibit 1. And Mr. Campbell asked you some
- 4 questions about page 8, do you see that? Can
- 5 you get to that with me?
- 6 MR. FELDMAN: Page 8 of 67?
- 7 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, of Attachment
- 8 D.
- 9 MR. GERBER: Yes.
- 10 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 11 Q. And under that section, sir, for courtesy,
- 12 it reads: "Employee shall observe standards of
- behavior and conduct their work in a manner to
- 14 avoid offending any owner, employees or
- 15 visitors. Each individual on this project must
- 16 be given the courtesy that would be extended to
- one's family or best friend."
- Do you know, because I haven't seen the
- 19 training video, whether there's any explanation
- on the training video beyond this statement
- 21 that's here in the project safety plan?
- 22 A. I don't know if there's any other
- 23 additional information in the safety video
- 24 regarding courtesy.
- 25 Q. Would you turn with me then, sir, to page

- 1 15 of 67? About in the middle of the page, do
- 2 you see in bold-face the "1st Citation" and "2nd
- 3 Citation"?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And two paragraphs up above first citation
- 6 there's a line that says -- and tell me if I'm
- 7 reading it correctly: "Repeated violations or
- 8 lack of cooperation with regard to the project
- 9 safety plan by employees of a contractor will
- indicate non-compliance with provisions included
- in the contract and may be reason for the
- 12 employee being barred from the project site
- 13 and/or termination of the contractor's
- 14 contract." Do you see that?
- 15 A. No. Where are you again?
- 16 Q. Two paragraphs up above the bold-face 1st
- 17 citation?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. See that phrase starting "Repeated"?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Earlier today you testified that on or
- 22 around February 2nd you and Ozanne
- 23 representatives met with Mr. Harting.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Had you at any time prior to February 2nd

- 1 had occasion to have any interaction with
- 2 Mr. Harting about violations of the project
- 3 safety plan?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 O. And then, sir, after the -- there's
- 6 references to the 1st citation. Did you have
- 7 occasion before February 2nd, 2009 to issue a
- 8 1st citation to Rivera based on conduct of
- 9 Mr. Harting?
- 10 A. Mr. Harting was in the cafeteria. There
- 11 was a rule by University Hospitals that we were
- 12 not to use their cafeteria. He was removed for
- being in the cafeteria in violation of that
- 14 rule.
- 15 Q. Now, can you answer my question?
- 16 MR. FELDMAN: Excuse me. Was
- 17 that the only reason for his removal?
- 18 MR. GERBER: Yes, because he was
- in the facility he was not supposed to be in.
- 20 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 21 O. Now, to answer my question, before that
- 22 date had Gilbane issued a 1st citation to Rivera
- 23 construction based on activity of Mr. Harting?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. So being that a 1st citation was never

- 1 issued, I take it that Rivera Construction was
- 2 not issued a 2nd citation, correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Down, then, sir, at the bottom of this page
- 5 there's a bold-faced "Immediate removal from the
- 6 property citations."
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And the first one talks about exposing
- 9 employees to imminent loss of life, correct?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 Q. I take it that didn't happen based on
- 12 anything you heard in the cafeteria -- about the
- cafeteria incident prior to February 2, 2009?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Which of these eight immediate removal
- areas did you consider to be applicable when you
- 17 acted upon the instructions to remove
- 18 Mr. Harting?
- 19 A. I would say it would fall under the
- 20 "violent physical encounter."
- 21 Q. And did you have information, sir, at --
- first of all, violent physical encounter refers
- 23 to fighting, correct?
- 24 A. Well, violent physical encounters defines
- 25 fighting as one of the encounters.

- 1 **Q.** Do you, as you sit here today, have any
- 2 information indicating that Mr. Harting engaged
- 3 in a physical fight with Lattisia Hanson or with
- 4 any employee at the hospital or Sodexho?
- 5 A. A physical fight, no; but a verbal
- 6 altercation, they expressed that they were
- 7 intimidated by Mr. Harting.
- 8 Q. Where, sir, in this list of eight does it
- 9 take about verbal altercation as being a grounds
- 10 for immediate removal from the property? It's
- 11 not there, is it?
- 12 A. He was immediately removed from the
- 13 property for being in the facility as I've
- 14 explained, which is another rule, another
- 15 contractual rule that all the contractors were
- 16 to follow and that all the contractors were
- 17 advised of.
- 18 Q. Is that rule part of the Project Labor
- 19 Agreement or any of attachments in front of you,
- 20 sir?
- 21 A. No, but that rule is part of our contract
- 22 with our contractors.
- 23 Q. Moving to a different subject here, in the
- 24 months before February 2, 2009, did you have
- occasion to directly supervise Mr. Harting at

- 1 any of the work that he did?
- 2 A. I am not a field supervisor, so, no.
- 3 Q. Do you know where he was assigned to work
- 4 within the neonatal project?
- 5 A. He was on the second shift, he was a
- 6 laborer doing laboring activities.
- 7 Q. Do you know, sir, whether -- first of all,
- 8 do you know Pat Tony?
- 9 A. Yes. Pat Tony was Gilbane's general
- 10 superintendent.
- 11 Q. Did you on February 2nd or at any other
- time have occasion to discuss Mr. Harting's
- 13 performance with Mr. Tony?
- 14 A. I never discussed Mr. Harting's
- 15 performance.
- 16 Q. So on February 2nd, 2009 when you caused
- 17 his removal from the job site, you didn't know
- 18 whether he was doing a good job as a laborer or
- 19 a bad job?
- 20 A. No, I knew he was a good employee.
- 21 Q. And, finally, or close to finally, on
- February 2nd, 2009 you said you received an
- e-mail from somebody about this incident.
- 24 A. Yes. I was informed about the incident by
- 25 my manager at Gilbane.

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- 1 Q. And who was your manager?
- 2 A. John Sosnowski.
- 3 Q. And the e-mail you received, do you have a
- 4 copy of it here today?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 MS. GRAGEL: Do you have a copy
- 7 of it, Mr. Campbell?
- 8 MR. CAMPBELL: No.
- 9 MR. GERBER: And I would like to
- 10 clarify, it could have been a phone
- 11 conversation. I would have to go back to see
- 12 how he communicated to me. It was either a
- phone conversation or an e-mail.
- 14 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 15 Q. Did you receive any description of what
- 16 anybody was saying had happened?
- 17 A. Yeah. My understanding is there was an
- incident in the cafeteria which led to a verbal
- 19 altercation, and the employee needed to be
- 20 removed.
- 21 O. And the directive to remove Mr. Harting was
- 22 related to you by Mr. Sosnowski saying, "I want
- 23 him removed, " or was it --
- 24 A. My understanding is it was -- in talking
- with Mr. Sosnowski, that the request was from

- 1 the hospital.
- 2 Q. So after that then you called Ozanne --
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. -- to bring Mr. Harting to a conference
- 5 room, correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Who came from Ozanne?
- 8 A. Tony Gallata, who is their superintendent;
- 9 Fred Kruse, their project manager.
- 10 Q. And just so that I'm clear, Ozanne was what
- 11 kind of contractor on the job?
- 12 A. Their contract was for general trades.
- 13 Q. And you did not call anyone from Rivera
- 14 Construction into the meeting, correct?
- 15 A. Well, we were not in contract with Rivera.
- 16 Our contract was with Ozanne. We knew that the
- 17 individual was within the Ozanne contract.
- 18 Q. And you also know that Rivera Construction
- 19 was supplying laborers, but that Ozanne was
- 20 directing the work, day-to-day work of them,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Rivera was not on site?
- 24 A. When you refer to Rivera, are you referring
- 25 to a company representative or --

- 1 O. Mr. Rivera.
- 2 A. Mr. Rivera was not on site.
- 3 Q. And no Rivera supervision was on site?
- 4 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 5 O. And you understood Rivera is an MBE
- 6 contractor, correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And as part of the purposes of the Project
- 9 Labor Agreement, having MBE contractors
- 10 participate in the way that Rivera did was part
- 11 of the overall project?
- 12 A. MBE participation was a component of the
- 13 project.
- 14 Q. Just a couple further questions, sir. You
- 15 have in front of you Joint Exhibit 1, Project
- 16 Labor Agreement. Paragraph 6 of this Project
- 17 Labor Agreement, sir, refers to construction
- 18 managers, does it not? That's on page 3.
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And according to paragraph 6, such
- 21 construction managers shall be required to
- 22 acknowledge and execute this agreement.
- Do you know whether Gilbane Construction
- 24 Company has ever actually signed a copy of the
- 25 Project Labor Agreement?

- 1 A. No, we haven't that I'm aware of.
- 2 Q. I take it by virtue of the fact that you
- 3 worked for a year and a half in making sure the
- 4 Project Labor Agreement went forth, Gilbane
- 5 acknowledged the Project Labor Agreement?
- 6 A. Yes, we acknowledged the Project Labor
- 7 Agreement.
- 8 Q. And you've seen it before today?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And you know that throughout the Project
- 11 Labor Agreement there are many, many references
- 12 to unions?
- 13 **MR. FELDMAN:** To what?
- 14 MS. GRAGEL: To unions.
- 15 MR. GERBER: Yes.
- 16 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 17 Q. Would you look specifically with me, sir,
- 18 at page 4, paragraph 8? And do you see
- 19 paragraph 8, about six lines up from the bottom
- of it it says, "The terms and conditions of this
- 21 agreement shall define and govern the
- relationship among UH and the unions."
- 23 **A.** Okay.
- 24 **Q.** That's in the agreement, is it not?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And without going through every line and
- 2 every paragraph of this agreement, you'd
- 3 acknowledge, would you not, that that kind of
- 4 sentiment, that unions and UH are governed by
- 5 this agreement, appears throughout the Project
- 6 Labor Agreement?
- 7 MR. CAMPBELL: I'd object. The
- 8 agreement speaks for itself.
- 9 MS. GRAGEL: Fair enough. I'll
- 10 withdraw it.
- 11 MR. FELDMAN: Anything further?
- 12 MS. GRAGEL: I have nothing
- 13 further for this witness right now.
- 14 MR. FELDMAN: Any redirect?
- 15 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, a couple quick
- 16 questions for Mr. Gerber.
- 17 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 19 Q. You were asked a lot of questions about the
- 20 cafeteria. Did Mr. Harting acknowledge the
- 21 cafeteria rule in your meeting with him?
- 22 A. Yes. Yes, I believe he did.
- 23 Q. And you went through the Gilbane safety
- rules as to how the employees are advised of
- 25 some of the rules and regulations applicable to

- 1 them. In this case, did UH make the decision to
- 2 exclude Mr. Harting?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And UH did all of the investigation but for
- 5 you sitting down with Mr. Harting as you've
- 6 described?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And I want to refer you to paragraph 7 of
- 9 the Project Labor Agreement, page 3. If you
- 10 could read paragraph 7 to yourself and then let
- 11 me know once you've read through it.
- 12 A. Paragraph 7, page 3?
- 13 **Q.** Yes.
- 14 **A.** Okay.
- 15 Q. And this is one of those mentions of
- 16 unions, you see that in the middle there of
- paragraph 7, that Ms. Gragel referred you to?
- 18 See "unions," line 4?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And paragraph 7 is stating that the unions
- 21 and these covered projects are going to be --
- the covered projects will be completed pursuant
- to UH's policies and procedures as may be
- amended from time to time and UH's code of
- 25 conduct, do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Were you involved in UH's investigation as
- 3 to the violation of its policies and procedures
- 4 and code of conduct as to Mr. Harting?
- 5 A. No. No, I was not.
- 6 Q. So you're not privy to all the facts and
- 7 circumstances relating to the cafeteria incident
- 8 in question?
- 9 **A.** No, I'm not.
- 10 Q. And just as a final point, just to verify,
- 11 the Gilbane Safety Plan and the policies and
- 12 procedures that you went through with Gilbane,
- those are all prerequisites to being able to
- 14 obtain an employee badge?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. Did Mr. Harting, to your knowledge, have an
- 17 employee badge?
- 18 A. Yes, he did. He returned it back to us at
- 19 our meeting in the conference room.
- 20 Q. So if Mr. Harting and his employer followed
- the requirements of the Project Labor Agreement,
- he would have gone through the Gilbane safety
- seminar that you've discussed here today?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. Now, when you referred to the Gilbane

- 1 safety program as to exclusion by Gilbane,
- 2 Gilbane has the right to exclude tradesmen from
- 3 the project in and of itself, correct?
- 4 MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- 5 MR. FELDMAN: What's the reason
- 6 for your objection?
- 7 **MS. GRAGEL:** The project safety
- 8 plan speaks to what can be an exclusion or not
- 9 an exclusion, and that document speaks for
- 10 itself, too.
- 11 MR. FELDMAN: He may answer.
- 12 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 13 Q. You can answer.
- 14 A. A safety plan is not the only reason of
- 15 exclusion of companies and individuals from the
- 16 project.
- 17 Q. And, to your knowledge, did UH rely on the
- 18 Gilbane Safety Plan in investigating
- 19 Mr. Harting's issues?
- 20 A. I don't know.
- 21 Q. And as to -- you were asked whether there
- 22 was more elaboration as to the code of conduct
- 23 in the Gilbane Safety Plan as to treating
- 24 employees and visitors on the project like you
- would treat your family members or best friends.

- 1 Do you think there needs to be an explanation as
- 2 to that statement beyond the words?
- 3 A. Can you repeat the question?
- 4 Q. Ms. Gragel referred you to page 8 of safety
- 5 plan Attachment D as to courtesy where it
- 6 stated, "Each individual on this project must be
- 7 given the courtesy that would be extended to
- 8 one's family or best friend." She asked you
- 9 whether the video further elaborated on that.
- 10 Do you think there needs to be any elaboration
- 11 as to that statement?
- 12 A. No, I do not.
- MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have
- 14 further questions.
- 15 MR. FELDMAN: Anything further of
- 16 this witness?
- 17 MS. GRAGEL: Yes.
- 18 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 20 Q. Did you have a best friend during your
- 21 life?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Did you ever have an argument with your
- 24 best friend?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. I take it you have family.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Did you ever have an argument with your
- 4 family?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. It's not unusual in the course of
- 7 friendships, family or workplaces to have
- 8 disagreements with people, is it?
- 9 **A.** Okay.
- 10 Q. And that happens on construction sites all
- 11 the time, correct? People disagree?
- 12 A. I don't know if I can answer the question.
- 13 MR. FELDMAN: Next question.
- 14 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 15 Q. You were asked some questions about the
- investigation that led to Mr. Harting's removal.
- 17 Did University Hospitals ever inquire of
- 18 you as part of that investigation about
- 19 Mr. Harting's overall performance as a laborer
- 20 at the workplace?
- 21 A. No, they did not.
- 22 Q. Did anyone ask you that question prior to
- 23 this arbitration?
- 24 A. No.
- MS. GRAGEL: Nothing further.

- 1 MR. CAMPBELL: May I?
- 2 MR. FELDMAN: Go ahead.
- 3 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 4 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 5 Q. Ever in your arguments with your best
- 6 friend, ever call your best friend a "nigger" in
- 7 front of others as a derogatory term?
- 8 A. I have not.
- 9 Q. Do you think that's appropriate in the
- 10 workplace to call one of the owner's employees a
- 11 "nigger"?
- 12 A. I do not think it's appropriate.
- 13 Q. Do you think it's appropriate for one of
- 14 the tradesmen to call a UH employee, one of the
- owner's employees a thief in front of others?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Is there a means for these union tradesmen
- 18 to bring disputes to your attention if they have
- 19 issues?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any
- 22 further questions.
- MR. FELDMAN: Next witness.
- MR. CAMPBELL: I just want to
- verify, I'd like to call Mr. Harting on cross.

118 I'm assuming if he's called in his case, I can 2 cross-examine him based on direct testimony. just have a couple quick questions for him in 3 4 our case. 5 You may call him on MR. FELDMAN: 6 cross. 7 MR. CAMPBELL: I just want to 8 verify if he's called in the union's case, that 9 I'm permitted to cross him on the direct 10 examination from the union. 11 MR. FELDMAN: Do you have any 12 objection? 13 I'm sorry, I still MS. GRAGEL: 14 didn't hear. 15 MR. FELDMAN: He wants to call 16 the grievant now. 17 MR. CAMPBELL: I have a few facts. 18 I just want to verify the process is not going 19 to preclude me from cross-examining him in your 20 case. 21 MS. GRAGEL: Now I understand 22 the question. 23 MR. CAMPBELL: I just a few 24 questions for Mr. Harting. 25 MR. FELDMAN: Let me just ask you

119 something. This could lead to a couple of 2 hours. 3 No. I really only MR. CAMPBELL: 4 have a few questions for him at this time. I'm 5 not going to go long with this, I just want to 6 verify --7 MIKE HARTING 8 of lawful age, a witness herein, was examined 9 and testified as follows: 10 MR. FELDMAN: For the record, 11 state your name. 12 **MR. HARTING:** Mike Harting. 13 MR. FELDMAN: M-i-k-e? 14 MR. HARTING: M-i-k-e. I'm 15 getting all nervous here. 16 MR. FELDMAN: Just sit back and 17 relax. I don't bite. How do you spell your 18 last name? 19 MR. HARTING: H-a-r-t-i-n-q. 20 Do you understand, MR. FELDMAN: 21 Mr. Harting, you're under oath? 22 Yes, I do. MR. HARTING: 23 MR. FELDMAN: You may inquire. 24 CROSS-EXAMINATION 25 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

- 1 Q. I have a few questions for Mr. Harting at
- 2 this time.
- Mr. Harting, just to verify, I think we've
- 4 heard Rivera Construction was your employer.
- 5 A. Yes, he was.
- 6 Q. Are you still a laborer today?
- 7 A. Yes, I am.
- 8 Q. I'm assuming that you still maintain your
- 9 seniority within the laborer union?
- 10 A. Yes, I do.
- 11 Q. Are you working on a construction site
- 12 today?
- 13 **A.** Yes, I am.
- 14 Q. And when did you begin working on a
- 15 construction site after -- let me ask you this
- 16 just so the record is clear. I believe we've
- said February 2nd, 2009 is when you were
- 18 excluded from the UH site.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Is that -- let me finish the question. I
- 21 know that you're nervous, but I want the record
- 22 to be clean.
- Is that, to the best of your recollection,
- 24 the date you were excluded?
- 25 A. Yes, it was.

- 1 Q. Now, at that point you were always free to
- 2 continue working for Laborers Local 310 on any
- 3 site outside of UH property, correct?
- 4 A. Yes, I was.
- 5 Q. And when did you get assigned to the next
- 6 work site?
- 7 A. Probably about a month.
- 8 Q. So it would be about March 2009?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And I'm assuming your union representative
- 11 who's here today could verify when you actually
- 12 went to a work site?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Your wages regardless whether you're on the
- 15 UH site or another site with a different owner
- 16 are governed by your union contract with Local
- 17 310, correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. So you got paid the same rate of pay as you
- would have been paid if you were working at UH?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. What site have you been working on -- have
- you been continuously since you obtained
- 24 additional work?
- 25 A. No, I haven't. I worked at the Perry

- 1 Nuclear Power Plant for four weeks or five
- weeks, something like that, and then I just
- 3 started Monday at the Cleveland Institute of
- 4 Art.
- 5 Q. And, again, both of those two projects
- 6 you've been working as a laborer for Local 310?
- 7 A. Yes, I have.
- 8 Q. Same rate of pay you would have been
- 9 earning with UH?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. On the UH projects?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. So you don't know the exact date that you
- 14 started with the Perry Nuclear Power Plant?
- 15 A. No, I don't.
- 16 Q. How long of a break was there between your
- 17 Perry Nuclear Power Plant work and the Cleveland
- 18 Institute of, is it Art?
- 19 A. Cleveland Institute of Art, yeah. I would
- 20 say six weeks.
- 21 Q. Six weeks?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Now, how are the laborers from Local 310
- 24 assigned to projects, if you know?
- 25 A. We have a hiring list that once you get

- laid off you go at the bottom of the list.
- 2 Q. Is it based on seniority?
- 3 A. It goes on wherever you show up on the
- 4 list. I think you have to work 15 days on a job
- 5 to be taken off the list, so you have to work
- 6 three weeks before going to back to the bottom
- 7 again.
- 8 Q. Did your local, Laborers 310, the grievant
- 9 in this matter, did they take any special steps
- in order to get you a work assignment after
- 11 being excluded from UH?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. So they just followed their same policies
- 14 and procedure?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Is that right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Now, you never filed a grievance against
- 19 Rivera Construction?
- 20 A. No, I didn't.
- 21 Q. You did have a Collective Bargaining
- 22 Agreement that governed your employment with
- 23 Rivera, correct?
- 24 A. What was that?
- 25 Q. You had a Collective Bargaining Agreement

- 1 and union contract that governed between Local
- 2 310, the laborers and Rivera Construction?
- 3 A. I quess so.
- 4 Q. And it's your understanding, and we went
- 5 through at the last hearing, you did have a
- 6 grievance and arbitration procedure under that
- 7 contract?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Now, there's been a lot of questions about
- 10 the cafeteria, and I asked you at the last
- 11 arbitration, and you confirmed that you
- understood, when you were on UH property you
- were subject to the same rules and regulations
- 14 as any other visitor to the property, correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. That meant if UH prohibited racial
- 17 comments, you understood that you should not be
- 18 using racial comments on the property?
- 19 A. Yes, without a doubt.
- 20 Q. And you understand that the use of the term
- "nigger" would be inappropriate?
- 22 A. Very inappropriate, I know that.
- 23 Q. You understood that fighting would be
- 24 inappropriate?
- 25 **A.** Uh-huh.

- 1 Q. Right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And that's any work site.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. These things aren't specific to UH, this is
- 6 what Local 310 teaches you, right?
- 7 **A.** What, that --
- 8 Q. Your union teaches you when you go on the
- 9 work site to be courteous, be professional?
- 10 A. You're to act like a gentleman.
- 11 Q. And there's no difference between acting
- 12 like a gentleman and treating the owners,
- 13 employees and others on the work site like your
- 14 best friend or family, correct?
- 15 A. Yes. But when -- when people steal from
- 16 you, that crosses the line.
- 17 Q. I'm not asking you about that now. I just
- want to verify that, we were asked a lot of
- 19 questions, Mr. Gerber, about whether you were
- 20 aware of these policies and procedures. Your
- 21 union who is here today told you to act like a
- 22 gentleman at all work sites.
- 23 **A.** Yeah --
- 24 Q. Just answer the question. Your union told
- you to act like a gentleman on all work sites.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. You understood you were to act like a
- 3 gentleman on the UH work sites, right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And you understand that if your union
- 6 believed that you weren't acting like a
- 7 gentleman on that work site that they could have
- 8 excluded you themselves, correct?
- 9 MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- 10 MR. FELDMAN: What's the
- 11 objection?
- 12 MS. GRAGEL: I don't know of any
- labor law or contract that says the union can
- 14 exclude anybody from work. That's a legal and
- 15 contractual --
- 16 MR. FELDMAN: If the grievant
- 17 knows, he may answer. If he doesn't know, he
- 18 may say so.
- 19 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 20 Q. My question is, if your union -- you have
- 21 your union representatives here, one of your
- 22 reps. If Terry Joyce or John Gilbane, John is
- the president of the local, correct?
- 24 A. Business agent.
- 25 Q. If John believed you were not acting like a

- 1 gentleman on the project, he could have told you
- 2 we're going to reassign you?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. You knew full well, regardless of any
- 5 Gilbane Safety Plan or UH policy and procedure
- 6 that you had a code of conduct when you were on
- 7 the work site?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. That was applicable to the Perry Nuclear
- 10 Power Plant, the Cleveland Institute of Art or
- 11 UH, right?
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. And you agree and acknowledge that if UH
- 14 believed you used racial terms towards an
- 15 employee, that that's appropriate to exclude you
- 16 from the site?
- 17 MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- 18 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 19 Q. I'm not asking you to concede you did it,
- 20 but if UH believed you did it, that would be
- 21 appropriate to say, "Hey, we're going to exclude
- 22 him."
- 23 MS. GRAGEL: Objection. And the
- 24 basis of the objection, and this gets to the
- 25 heart of the grievance, it's a question for the

- 1 arbitrator to interpret the Project Labor
- 2 Agreement and the attachments to it, and asking
- 3 the individual to draw a question of contract
- 4 interpretation is inappropriate.
- 5 MR. FELDMAN: All right. Go to
- 6 the next question.
- 7 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 8 Q. And you would agree that calling an owner's
- 9 employee a thief in front of others would be
- 10 inappropriate?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. You don't think so?
- 13 A. No. When it happens to you, it's not
- 14 inappropriate, you call the shot --
- 15 O. There were others in the cafeteria with
- 16 you, right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. There were people that were both union
- 19 brothers as well as nonunion brothers?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. It was busy?
- 22 A. A little, yeah.
- 23 Q. There was a line, right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. You freely called her a thief in front of

- 1 all those people?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. You cussed?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And you got angry?
- 6 A. Not really. You don't know me angry.
- 7 Because of my size, if I say something,
- 8 everybody says he's angry. I'm a gentleman.
- 9 Q. You're a large man?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 **Q.** And you can be intimidating?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And you wouldn't doubt that if we hear
- 14 Ms. Hanson come in and say she was intimidated
- by you and others said that, you wouldn't have
- 16 any reason to disagree with that?
- 17 MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- 18 MR. HARTING: I did not make an
- 19 aggressive move or anything.
- 20 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 21 Q. Let's just verify what you did. You raised
- 22 your voice?
- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 **Q.** Right?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. You cussed?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. You called her a thief in front of others?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. You deny you called her a nigger?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And you continued to call her a thief even
- 8 after they gave you a --
- 9 A. As I was talking to the manager, I said,
- "She's a thief and she's stealing from me."
- 11 Q. You told him that she was a "fucking
- 12 thief, "right?
- 13 A. No, I didn't.
- 14 Q. You deny "fucking" but you said "thief"?
- 15 A. I don't quite remember, but, you know, I
- 16 really don't talk like that. So if I said it, I
- 17 had to really be aggravated or it just slipped
- 18 because I -- like I said, I'm --
- 19 Q. You understood that if you thought that she
- 20 had taken money, there were ways to handle that
- 21 issue, right?
- 22 A. No, not really.
- 23 Q. Do you think it would be appropriate if
- 24 Rivera manager or Gilbane employee came over and
- watched you do your work and they called you a

- 1 thief in front of your co-workers without having
- 2 a basis for it?
- 3 A. The thing is when you're in a situation
- 4 where I am like you could come look at me any
- 5 time you want and you're going to find out that
- 6 I'm not.
- 7 Q. Would you appreciate it if a Gilbane
- 8 employee came over and called you a thief in
- 9 front of all your union brothers?
- 10 A. They have.
- 11 Q. You didn't like it?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Did you file a grievance?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. You told your union about it, right?
- 16 A. No. Usually just -- that's life in the
- 17 construction trade.
- 18 O. But you think it's appropriate and
- 19 gentlemanly to call somebody a thief in front of
- 20 others?
- 21 A. When it happens to you, yes.
- 22 Q. So you're standing by that you think your
- 23 conduct was gentlemanly when you called her a
- 24 thief?
- 25 A. I did not -- I said what I had to say; I

- 1 turned and I went and ate.
- 2 Q. You said what you had to say. You called
- 3 her a thief numerous times in front of others,
- 4 right?
- 5 A. I don't know if -- I know I said it at
- 6 least once, but I don't --
- 7 Q. You told her supervisor she was a thief?
- 8 A. Yes, when we were sitting down at a table.
- 9 Q. Not just one supervisor, many supervisors?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Told her employer that she was a thief?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And you told people that you had no idea
- 14 who they were, whether they were UH employees or
- 15 visitors or patients?
- 16 A. Well, people asked me what was going on and
- 17 I would tell them. I said, "She's stealing
- 18 money from me." Down there, they steal money
- 19 from everybody.
- 20 Q. So you're saying you've been there a number
- of times in the cafeteria?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And you think there was a number of thefts?
- 24 A. There's certain ways to do it, but, yeah.
- 25 Q. Why did you go back? You think there's a

- 1 theft, so why go back to the cafeteria over and
- 2 over?
- 3 A. Because it's the only place around there to
- 4 eat that's clean.
- 5 Q. You obviously knew that there were
- 6 supervisors on duty, right?
- 7 A. Cafeteria supervisors?
- 8 Q. Yes.
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. Why not step over and say, "Sir, ma'am, I
- 11 think I've been shortchanged"?
- 12 A. I didn't think anything would have been
- 13 accomplished by that.
- 14 Q. Why not do it instead of calling somebody
- out in front of the public?
- 16 A. Because she stole money from me right then.
- 17 If I steal money from you right then, what are
- 18 you going to say?
- 19 Q. You understood that there were processes,
- you could have told Gilbane, you could have told
- 21 Rivera, you could have told your union, correct?
- 22 A. My union has nothing to do with it.
- 23 Gilbane has nothing to do with it. It was an
- 24 isolated incident between two people.
- 25 Q. Now, if the UH representatives and the

- 1 cafeteria representatives testify they will
- 2 exclude anybody regardless whether a union
- 3 employee or not, based on your conduct, you
- 4 would agree that those same rules are applicable
- 5 to you, correct?
- 6 MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- 7 MR. FELDMAN: That's a
- 8 determination I'll make.
- 9 MR. CAMPBELL: He's already
- 10 testified the same rules are applicable to him.
- 11 MR. FELDMAN: Then why ask it
- 12 again?
- 13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 14 Q. You had an employee badge?
- 15 A. Yes, I did, sir.
- 16 Q. And you, I'm assuming, followed all the
- 17 procedure to get that employee badge?
- 18 A. Yes. But in our meeting there was no --
- 19 MR. FELDMAN: There's nothing
- 20 before you.
- 21 MR. CAMPBELL: Just one second.
- 22 Subject to cross-examination in the union's case
- if he's called on direct, I don't have any
- 24 questions at this time.
- MS. GRAGEL: And I'll defer

135 1 my --2. MR. FELDMAN: Your direct 3 testimony? 4 MS. GRAGEL: Cross on this 5 subject or recross until I put him on my case. 6 MR. FELDMAN: You may have a 7 seat. It's now five to 12:00. Do you want to 8 take time off for lunch? This case is going to 9 go on for a long time. 10 MR. CAMPBELL: Here's my only 11 issues. Lattisia Hanson is here. She is on 12 vacation and she is coming out of vacation in 13 order to testify. 14 MR. FELDMAN: We're going to take 15 lunch. I used to work like a horse when I was 16 young. 17 MR. CAMPBELL: I just want to be 18 able to tell her that I did my best to get her 19 up to testify. MR. FELDMAN: You tell her that 20 21 I'm the bad guy. 22 MS. GRAGEL: Can we talk a 23 little bit about how you think the day is going 24 to go after lunch? 25 MR. FELDMAN: You're going to

136 work until 4:00 or 5:00 and that's going to be 2 the end of it. 3 MS. GRAGEL: And then if we 4 don't finish, which is sort of --5 We'll figure out MR. FELDMAN: 6 another day. 7 MS. GRAGEL: If we need to --8 does tomorrow make sense? 9 MR. CAMPBELL: I have to fly to 10 Boston at 6:00 a.m. tomorrow, Providence, Rhode Island. I would expect that unless 11 12 cross-examination goes long, I think at this 13 point I have witnesses who are discreet and 14 don't think they're going to be long. 15 Okay. Whatever MR. FELDMAN: 16 they take, they take. We'll have to decide on 17 future time when it arises. Right now we'll 18 adjourn for one hour and start working this 19 afternoon. 20 (Thereupon, a luncheon recess was 21 taken at 12:00 p.m., with the 22 proceedings to be continued at 1:00 23 p.m.) 24 25

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1	AFTERNOON SESSION	
2	1:05 p.m.	
3	LATTISIA HANSON	
4	of lawful age, a witness herein, was examined	
5	and testified as follows:	
6	MR. FELDMAN: May I have your	
7	name, please?	
8	MS. HANSON: Lattisia Hanson.	
9	MR. FELDMAN: Spell that.	
10	MS. HANSON: L-a-t-t-i-s-i-a	
11	H-a-n-s-o-n.	
12	MR. FELDMAN: Do you understand	
13	that you're under oath?	
14	MS. HANSON: Yes, I do.	
15	DIRECT EXAMINATION	
16	BY MR. CAMPBELL:	
17	Q. Ms. Hanson, thank you for coming today.	
18	Are you currently employed?	
19	A. Yes, I am.	
20	Q. Who is your employer?	
21	A. University Hospitals.	
22	Q. And what is your position?	
23	A. Cashier.	
24	Q. And how long have you held that position?	
25	A. About eight months probably, something like	

- 1 that.
- 2 Q. How long have you been employed by
- 3 University Hospitals?
- 4 A. I've been employed a year, and I was a temp
- for about a year, so two years total.
- 6 Q. And have you worked in the same location of
- 7 University Hospitals throughout your temporary
- 8 status and employment?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 MR. FELDMAN: Excuse me. I'm
- 11 confused. You've been a cashier for eight
- 12 months?
- 13 MS. HANSON: About eight months,
- 14 yes, sir.
- 15 MR. FELDMAN: And you have two
- 16 years longevity or seniority at the hospital?
- 17 MS. HANSON: Yes. I worked as a
- 18 temp for six months and the rest was my
- 19 employment, but I've only been a cashier for
- 20 eight months.
- 21 MR. FELDMAN: The question was
- 22 asked, as I understand it, how long have you
- 23 worked at the same area.
- 24 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. My question
- was, and I'll get into the positions she held

- 1 before cashier, but my question was as a temp
- 2 and as an employee, what area of University
- 3 Hospitals have you been assigned, and she said
- 4 in the cafeteria of the main campus.
- 5 MR. FELDMAN: Okay.
- 6 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 7 Q. What position did you hold before cashier?
- 8 A. Nutrition assistant.
- 9 O. And nutrition assistant was also in the
- 10 cafeteria at the main campus?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Just so the record is clear, the main
- 13 campus, where is that located?
- 14 A. On Euclid.
- 15 Q. In Cleveland, Ohio?
- 16 A. Yeah, Cleveland, Ohio inside University
- 17 Hospitals.
- 18 Q. And the main cafeteria there next to
- 19 Rainbow and all the other hospitals?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Just so it's easier for the court reporter,
- let me just finish the question and then you
- answer so she can get the question.
- 24 MR. FELDMAN: She takes down
- everything you say on her little machine. So

- 1 shaking heads and talking while somebody else is
- 2 talking isn't going to cut it. You follow me?
- 3 MS. HANSON: I got you.
- 4 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you.
- 5 **BY MR. CAMPBELL:**
- 6 Q. Now, were you supposed to be on vacation
- 7 today?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And you've come here to testify and left
- 10 your grandchildren today to testify?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 O. Now, let me just ask you about University
- 13 Hospitals. Is the cafeteria quite large where
- 14 you work?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And what shift were you working in January
- 17 2009?
- 18 A. Third shift.
- 19 Q. How long have you been on the third shift?
- 20 **A.** A year.
- 21 **Q.** One year?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And just so the record is clear, what time
- 24 does third shift begin and end?
- 25 A. 6:00 p.m.

- 1 Q. What time does it end?
- 2 A. 2:00 a.m.
- 3 Q. Now, in the cafeteria do you have patients
- 4 sometimes come down?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Do you have employees of University
- 7 Hospitals come through?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And you have visitors?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And your shift when you're working the
- 12 third shift beginning at 6:00, are there times
- when it's very busy?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Let me ask you before we move on from the
- 16 general, who is your supervisor?
- 17 A. Andrew Powel.
- 18 MS. GRAGEL: Andrew --
- 19 MR. CAMPBELL: Powel, P-o-w-e-l, I
- 20 believe.
- 21 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 22 Q. Is Andrew an employee of University
- 23 Hospitals or Sodexho?
- 24 A. Sodexho.
- 25 Q. What is your understanding of Sodexho's

- 1 role, if you know, at the hospital?
- 2 A. Would you repeat that for me?
- 3 Q. What is your understanding, if you know, of
- 4 Sodexho's role at University Hospitals? What
- 5 does Sodexho do?
- 6 A. I think they do a lot of management.
- 7 That's about all I know.
- 8 Q. Does Sodexho run the cafeteria at the main
- 9 campus?
- 10 A. I think so.
- 11 Q. But you're a University Hospitals employee?
- 12 A. Yes, I am.
- 13 (Thereupon, Respondent's Exhibit 2
- 14 was marked for purposes of
- identification.)
- 16 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 17 Q. Ms. Hanson, I've handed you what's been
- 18 marked as Respondent's Exhibit 2. Have you seen
- 19 this document before today?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And what is it?
- 22 A. It's a statement that I wrote.
- 23 **Q.** This is your handwriting?
- 24 A. Yes, it is.
- 25 Q. And did you have a chance to read through

- 1 it recently?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Is it true and correct to the best of your
- 4 knowledge?
- 5 **A.** Uh-huh.
- 6 Q. Who asked you to write that statement?
- 7 A. One of the managers, Heather, asked me to
- 8 write it.
- 9 Q. One of your managers?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And did this take place after the incident
- that I'm going to ask you about between you and
- 13 the construction worker?
- 14 A. It took place after, yes.
- 15 Q. Now, just to verify the time, I see on here
- 16 that -- do you know the date that this incident
- 17 took place based on your written statements,
- when the incident at the cash register took
- 19 place?
- 20 A. On the 27th, January 27th.
- 21 **o.** 2009?
- 22 A. 2009.
- 23 Q. I just want to ask you, to the best of your
- ability, and if you need to refer to your
- 25 statement, that's fine, but I want to ask you,

- 1 can you tell us what happened in your own words
- 2 that night as to the construction worker and
- 3 what happened?
- 4 A. The gentlemen came through the line, and I
- 5 rang up his transaction and he handed me six
- 6 dollars, one dollar and a five dollar bill. And
- 7 I cashed him out and gave him back 20 cents in
- 8 change. And he said to me, "I gave you ten
- 9 dollars."
- 10 And I went, "No, sir, you gave me six
- 11 dollars."
- 12 He went, "I gave you f-ing ten."
- I said, "No, sir."
- He was like, "You're going to give me my
- 15 f-ing money."
- 16 Q. When you say "f-ing," just so I
- 17 understand -- and I understand that you may not
- 18 usually use these terms. Are you using the term
- 19 "fucking"?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I know it might be difficult, but if you
- 22 could use as best as you can his words because
- those are what the arbitrator is going to be
- 24 looking at.
- MR. FELDMAN: He's implying I'm a

145 1 bad quy. 2. MS. HANSON: Excuse me? 3 BY MR. CAMPBELL: And I'll point it out if you don't. If you 4 5 don't want to use the language, that's fine, but 6 I'll point it out. I just need to do that for 7 the record. That's what the issue is. 8 sorry to cut you off. 9 So because he was kind of leaning and he 10 looked very angry, I said to him, "I see I'm 11 going to have to get my manager." 12 And he said, "That's right, you go get your 13 fucking manager." 14 So as I got ready to go to get my manager, 15 my manager was already coming across the 16 cafeteria anyway. 17 Let me stop you there and ask you a 18 question. Were there others in the area aside 19 from you and the construction worker? 20 Α. Yes. The line was very long. 21 Could others overhear what the two of you 22 were saying?

23 Objection. MS. GRAGEL:

24 MS. HANSON: Yes.

- 1 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 2 Q. Do you think others could overhear what was
- 3 being said?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Was it loud or --
- 6 A. It was very loud.
- 7 Q. And do you recall specifically telling the
- 8 gentleman that you were going to get your
- 9 manager?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. So he knew that you were taking it to the
- 12 next step?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. I'm sorry to cut you off. Go on.
- 15 A. So he told me, "That's what you do, you go
- 16 get your fucking manager, " but Andrew was
- 17 already coming towards us.
- 18 Q. Just so the record -- Andrew, what's his
- 19 last name?
- 20 **A.** Powel.
- 21 **Q.** Your manager?
- 22 A. My manager. So when he gets to my
- 23 register, I started out going to explain to
- 24 Andrew what happened, but the guy, he was
- 25 ranting and raving so I just stopped and I

- 1 figure I'll let him go ahead on and say what he
- 2 had to say. So he was saying to Andrew, "I gave
- 3 her a ten dollar bill; she gave me 20 cents.
- 4 She's not going to take my fucking money."
- 5 O. He was talking to Andrew. Was it loud
- 6 enough that others could hear?
- 7 MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- 8 MS. HANSON: Yes.
- 9 MR. FELDMAN: If she knows.
- 10 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 11 Q. Were you part of the conversation between
- 12 him and Andrew?
- 13 A. Yes, I was. They were still standing at my
- 14 register.
- 15 **Q.** Was the gentleman angry?
- 16 A. Very angry. So he says, "You going to give
- 17 me my fucking money." So I'm not -- with my
- 18 manager standing there, I'm not dealing with him
- 19 at all right now, I'm just kind of just sitting
- 20 there. So Andrew is trying to tell him, you
- 21 know, to just calm down, quiet down.
- He was like, "No, she's a fucking thief and
- 23 she's not going to take my fucking money."
- 24 Q. Was that loud enough others you think could
- 25 hear?

- 1 A. Most definitely. And then he was like,
- 2 "Well, sir, we're going to look at the cameras,
- and if the cameras show that she was wrong, I'll
- 4 most gladly give it back."
- 5 He was like, "No, you're going to give me
- 6 my mother-fucking money now. She's not going to
- 7 take my fucking money, fucking thief. That
- 8 nigger ain't going to get my money."
- 9 Q. Just so the record is clear, did he
- 10 actually use the term "nigger"?
- 11 A. "Nigger. A fucking thief. That nigger
- 12 ain't going to take my money."
- And Andrew said, "Come on, sir, I think we
- 14 should step out of the line, " and at that point
- 15 they walked away. I don't know what happened
- once they left my line, and I just went on to
- 17 take care of the rest of my customers.
- 18 Q. Did you see this individual come back in to
- 19 the cafeteria again after that?
- 20 A. He came back I think it was a couple days
- later; something like that and he came back
- through the line, but he didn't say anything to
- me, I didn't say anything to him, he dealt with
- my manager.
- 25 Q. Did you ever tell your manager about the

- 1 use of the term "nigger" and the cussing?
- 2 A. After it happened?
- 3 **Q.** Yes.
- 4 A. Yes, we discussed it.
- 5 Q. And do you know Ms. Peplowski sitting next
- 6 to me?
- 7 **A.** Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. Did she ever talk to you about that?
- 9 A. At that time it happened, I did not report
- 10 it, no.
- 11 Q. Did you report it after that night?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. And who did you report it to?
- 14 A. I wrote this statement and gave it to
- 15 Heather.
- 16 Q. Is Heather one of your supervisors?
- 17 A. One of the other managers.
- 18 Q. And that statement is true and correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And everything you've told the arbitrator
- 21 here today to the best of your recollection is
- 22 true?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And during the investigation, you wrote
- 25 this -- these notes and you told University

- 1 Hospitals what you've told us here today?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any
- 4 further questions at this time. You will get
- 5 asked some questions by the union.
- 6 MS. HANSON: All right.
- 7 MR. FELDMAN: You may inquire.
- 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 10 Q. Ms. Hanson, my name is Susan Gragel, and I
- 11 represent Building and Construction Laborers
- 12 Local 310 and I have some questions for you.
- Ma'am, you said that you've been working
- 14 for University Hospitals for is it a total of
- 15 about two years?
- 16 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 17 O. And I wasn't clear. How much of that two
- 18 years was as a temporary employee?
- 19 A. Six months I believe it was. I had to do
- 20 six months temp.
- 21 MR. FELDMAN: It's what you know,
- 22 ma'am.
- MS. HANSON: Six, seven months,
- 24 something like that.
- 25 MR. FELDMAN: You have to speak

- 1 up because we have a court reporter here that
- 2 has to listen to you. And the question is how
- 3 long have you served on a temporary basis, and
- 4 your answer is six or seven months?
- 5 MS. HANSON: Six or seven
- 6 months.
- 7 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 8 O. So we're in June of 2009, so you would have
- 9 started in about June of 2007 working for
- 10 University Hospitals? Does that sound about
- 11 right?
- 12 A. No. I think I started in November, so
- would that have been eight months maybe?
- 14 **Q.** November 2007?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. So about a year and a half you've worked
- 17 there?
- 18 A. Where? As a temp, as an employee?
- 19 **Q.** In total.
- 20 A. Two years.
- 21 Q. So you started temping in about June of
- 22 2007?
- 23 **A.** Okay.
- 24 **Q.** Does that make sense?
- 25 A. That makes sense.

- 1 Q. And when you worked as a temp, did you work
- 2 for the hospital or another agency?
- 3 A. For another agency.
- 4 Q. What agency was that?
- 5 A. Reserve Network.
- 6 Q. Reserve?
- 7 A. Network.
- 8 Q. When you were hired by Reserve Network as a
- 9 temporary employee for University Hospitals, was
- 10 that a full-time hire or part-time?
- 11 A. Full-time.
- 12 Q. About 40 hours a week then?
- 13 A. Forty hours a week, yes.
- 14 Q. And what was your assignment during the six
- 15 months that you were temping?
- 16 A. I worked in what we call Freshens.
- 17 **O.** What is Freshens?
- 18 A. We make smoothies and serve ice cream.
- 19 Q. Is that like a little stand around the
- 20 atrium area of the hospital?
- 21 A. Yeah, it's inside of the cafeteria.
- MR. FELDMAN: Freshen?
- MS. HANSON: Freshens.
- MR. FELDMAN: Do you know how to
- 25 spell it?

- 1 MS. HANSON: F-r-e-s-h-e-n.
- 2 MR. CAMPBELL: It's the name of a
- 3 smoothie company. They make like milkshakes.
- 4 MR. FELDMAN: Okay.
- 5 **BY MS. GRAGEL:**
- 6 Q. And when you did that work at the Freshen
- 7 stand, was that a day shift job or a different
- 8 shift?
- 9 A. That was day shift.
- 10 Q. And what's day shift as you know it at the
- 11 hospital?
- 12 A. 6:00 a.m. to 2:00, six to two.
- 13 Q. What kind of work had you done before you
- 14 became a temp at University Hospitals?
- 15 A. I worked in Mentor as a machine operator.
- 16 Q. When did you do that work, ma'am?
- 17 A. I worked there for six years prior to the
- 18 agency, going to the agency.
- 19 Q. And was there a gap between your work as a
- 20 machinist and starting at the agency, or did you
- 21 go right from one job to the other?
- 22 A. No, it was a gap. It was like maybe an
- 23 eight-month gap.
- 24 **Q.** And an eight-month gap?
- 25 A. Yeah, because I drew unemployment.

- 1 Q. And you had been laid off from your work as
- 2 a machinist?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And so then after your six months as a
- 5 temp, then you became a regular employee of
- 6 University Hospitals, correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. Do you know how it was that you went to
- 9 work for University Hospitals rather than
- 10 Sodexho?
- 11 A. No, I don't. Because I'm thinking that
- 12 Sodexho mostly are managers, they're management.
- 13 Q. When you started to work then as a regular
- 14 full-time -- it was full-time when you went off
- temp to go to University Hospitals?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Did you stay day shift or did you get a
- 18 different shift?
- 19 A. I got a different shift.
- 20 Q. And what was that shift?
- 21 A. That was nights.
- 22 Q. 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. shift?
- 23 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 24 Q. And was that Monday to Friday?
- 25 A. Monday to Friday because I couldn't work

- 1 weekends.
- 2 Q. And once you got full-time work, did you
- 3 get benefits through University Hospitals?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And you are not in a union?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. When you became a regular full-time
- 8 employee of University Hospitals, did you
- 9 immediately become a cashier, or did you do some
- 10 other kind of work in the food service area?
- 11 A. I did some other kind of work.
- 12 Q. And how did you come to be assigned to work
- 13 as a cashier? Was that a promotion or just a
- 14 change of assignment?
- 15 A. It was a change of assignment.
- 16 Q. Did you receive any training when you moved
- out of food prep into the cashier job?
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q. What kind of training did you get?
- 20 A. They do like hands-on training, other
- 21 cashiers train us, managers train us.
- 22 Q. And did you receive training in customer
- 23 service about how to deal with customers who
- 24 were making complaints?
- 25 A. All of that come in the training.

- 1 Q. And would it be fair to say that during
- 2 your training you were informed that you would
- 3 receive complaints from time to time because
- 4 that's part of being in customer service?
- 5 A. Oh, yeah.
- 6 Q. And were you trained with that old rule
- 7 that the customer is always right?
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. That's true?
- 10 A. That's true.
- 11 Q. And were you also trained that accuracy is
- important in doing the cashier's work?
- 13 A. Exactly.
- 14 Q. Was the job that you did the subject of the
- 15 kind of rules that I've seen at other food
- 16 service places, that if your drawer is off for a
- 17 certain number of times, you can be disciplined?
- 18 A. That's right.
- 19 Q. What's the rule where you work?
- 20 A. If your drawer is off \$25 over or under,
- 21 they take disciplinary action.
- 22 Q. And do you get a warning before discipline,
- or is there some process for that?
- 24 A. You do get a write-up, and after so many
- 25 write-ups --

1 MR. FELDMAN: What's the

2 second -- after you get a write-up, what's next?

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- 3 MS. HANSON: I believe. I'm not
- 4 sure. I believe it's termination.
- 5 **MR. FELDMAN:** After a write-up
- 6 you get termination?
- 7 MS. HANSON: I believe so.
- 8 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 9 Q. So step one is write-up and second
- 10 violation is termination?
- 11 A. Well, there are some steps that are taken.
- 12 **Q.** And had you received any warnings or
- 13 write-ups before this incident about your
- 14 handling of cash?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. And you didn't want to get a write-up
- 17 either, correct?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. And if your drawer is off, short, do you
- 20 have to come out-of-pocket to make up the
- 21 difference?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. You have in your hand the notes that
- 24 Mr. Campbell asked you to look at marked as
- 25 Respondent's Exhibit 2.

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- 1 **A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. And this is dated January 29, 2008 --
- 3 crossed out January 28, 2009. You did what
- 4 everybody does in January, think of the wrong
- 5 year.
- 6 There's a note there about camera footage,
- 7 and what are those numbers? First of all, what
- 8 numbers did you write down, "7 colon"?
- 9 MR. CAMPBELL: If that's your
- 10 writing.
- 11 MS. HANSON: It's not.
- 12 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 13 Q. I think you said, or it's in your notes
- 14 here, that somebody said that they would check a
- 15 camera and find out if you were right or if
- 16 Mr. Harting was right about the change.
- 17 What camera are we talking about?
- 18 A. We have cameras in the cafeteria up over
- 19 each cash register, and they are able -- they
- 20 zoom right down on our drawers and all of our
- 21 transactions.
- 22 Q. Have you seen the camera footage from
- 23 January 27, 2009?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And that camera footage, does it basically

- 1 just show your drawer or does it show anything
- 2 going on around you?
- 3 A. It shows everything going on around you.
- 4 Q. Does it show your face?
- 5 A. It showed -- did it show my face? I'm not
- 6 sure.
- 7 Q. Is there sound?
- 8 A. I'm not sure.
- 9 Q. Did you ever hear any audiotape of this
- 10 incident?
- 11 A. I've never heard the audiotape.
- 12 Q. Now, in the cafeteria, changing gears a
- 13 little bit here, when you are working the cash
- 14 register, you are sitting behind a counter where
- 15 people bring their food up to the register,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And there's -- in the place where you work
- 19 is there also shelving as you move down the line
- 20 to get to the cash register where there are some
- 21 food items that you can pick up?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. In fact, when you sit as a cashier, you're
- 24 completely surrounded, are you not?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. There's a wall behind you so nobody can
- 2 walk up behind you --
- 3 A. True.
- 4 Q. -- and either get in the drawer or even
- 5 speak to you because it's got glass over it,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. Right. There's two cashiers right next to
- 8 each other.
- 9 Q. You said that you usually worked the
- 10 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift, and you also said
- 11 that there are times when the cafeteria at
- 12 University Hospitals is busy during your shift.
- 13 Is that business usually at around 6:00, which
- would be when you get to work and it's the usual
- 15 dinner hour?
- 16 A. Yeah, it can be.
- 17 Q. So it's not unusual for you to have a rush
- 18 like at 6:00?
- 19 A. It's not unusual.
- 20 Q. Is it also fair to say that the traffic in
- 21 the cafeteria coming through the cashier's line
- drops off as the evening gets later?
- 23 A. Way later in the evening, yes.
- 24 O. Is there a time when the cafeteria cashiers
- 25 close altogether before your shift ends?

- 1 **A.** No.
- 2 Q. You stay open for some items throughout the
- 3 night?
- 4 A. All night long.
- 5 Q. Do you recognize Mr. Harting here in this
- 6 room today?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. And where is he seated?
- 9 A. Right there. (Indicating.)
- 10 MR. CAMPBELL: Let the record
- 11 reflect that she pointed to the grievant.
- 12 MS. GRAGEL: Thank you.
- 13 **BY MS. GRAGEL:**
- 14 Q. Before this incident on January 27th, 2009,
- 15 had you seen Mr. Harting in the cafeteria on
- 16 other days?
- 17 A. Not that I paid him any attention, no.
- 18 Q. And on the next day after the incident, did
- 19 Mr. Harting come through the line?
- 20 A. No, he didn't come the next day.
- 21 Q. Do you recall some day after this incident,
- whether the next day or a later date, when he
- 23 came through the line, but you walked away so
- 24 that a manager could ring him out?
- 25 A. Will you repeat that, please?

- 1 **Q.** After the day that you later wrote up on
- 2 this piece of paper for the hospital, was there
- a day when Mr. Harting came to the line, but you
- 4 walked out of your cashier area so that somebody
- 5 else could come in and ring him out?
- 6 A. That's not how it happened.
- 7 Q. So that's wrong?
- 8 A. That's not quite how it happened.
- 9 Q. How did it happen?
- 10 A. He came through my line, and when he came
- 11 through my line I was prepared to -- I rang all
- of his stuff up, and my manager walked up on the
- outer side of me and handed him a meal ticket
- 14 and said, "I told you I would take care of you."
- And I went, "How can you do that? He'll
- 16 really feel like I actually stole his money.
- 17 He'll think that I'm guilty." I said, "So what
- 18 are you saying, I really am a thief and nigger,
- 19 you're going along with him," and my feelings
- 20 was hurt so I left out because I was crying.
- 21 MR. FELDMAN: So you left what?
- MS. HANSON: So I left out
- 23 because I was crying.
- MR. CAMPBELL: She left the cash
- 25 register.

- 1 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 2 Q. Let me back up again. The day you did not
- leave your cashier area, the manager came as you
- 4 testified, you took Mr. Harting away from your
- 5 counter and you continued to do your ringing up?
- 6 MR. CAMPBELL: Talking about the
- 7 day of the first incident?
- 8 MS. GRAGEL: On the day of the
- 9 incident.
- 10 MS. HANSON: Of the first
- 11 incident, yes.
- 12 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 13 Q. So you kept ringing out?
- 14 A. Yes, stayed and kept ringing out.
- 15 Q. And didn't write up any complaints?
- 16 A. I didn't write up any complaint.
- 17 Q. And you talked to your manager there at the
- 18 counter?
- 19 A. Well, it had slowed down, and I went in the
- 20 cafeteria where my manager was standing and I
- 21 was talking to him, yes.
- 22 **Q.** On the 27th?
- 23 **A.** On the 27th.
- 24 Q. And would that have been the same -- in an
- 25 hour or much later in the shift?

- 1 A. Much later in the shift.
- 2 Q. Closer to 2:00 than 6:00?
- 3 A. About 10:00, 10:30.
- 4 Q. And he didn't tell you to write anything
- 5 up?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. And then a day or so went by and you saw
- 8 that the manager gave some kind of coupon to
- 9 Mr. Harting?
- 10 A. Rewarded him I felt.
- 11 Q. And you felt then the company was taking
- the customer's side against you?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. And that upset you and you left your work
- 15 area?
- 16 A. I was offended. I felt offended.
- 17 Q. And that's when you then wrote up your
- 18 complaint?
- 19 A. I was asked to write it up. I was so
- 20 upset. They said, "Write it up" and I wrote it
- 21 up.
- MR. FELDMAN: That's not the
- write-up on this sheet here?
- 24 MS. HANSON: That's that.
- 25 MR. FELDMAN: That is the

- 1 write-up.
- 2 MS. HANSON: Yes, it is.
- 3 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 4 Q. And you said "they said to write it up."
- 5 Did you call somebody or ask somebody's advice?
- 6 A. No. It was another manager -- when I got
- 7 to the back, once leaving out of the initial
- 8 cafeteria, I went in the back because I was very
- 9 upset. I was crying and the whole bit, so I was
- just standing back there crying, and another
- 11 manager came in and wanted to know what was
- 12 wrong; and I was just telling her what had
- 13 happened, what had actually happened on the
- 14 27th, and then I told her what had just happened
- a few minutes ago; and she said they had no
- 16 recollection of it, she was sorry and would I
- 17 write that up for her.
- 18 Q. And the person that you spoke with, do you
- 19 remember her name?
- 20 A. Heather.
- 21 **Q.** Do you know Heather's last name?
- 22 A. I don't know Heather's last name.
- 23 Q. Does Heather work for Sodexho?
- 24 A. She works for Sodexho, yes.
- 25 Q. And when you were writing -- you were

- 1 writing this document because Heather told you
- 2 to?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Is Heather Andrew's boss? Are they equals,
- 5 or don't you know?
- 6 A. I don't know. I think they're equals.
- 7 Q. And was that the first time that Heather
- 8 knew about the incident on January 27th when you
- 9 talked to her on January 29th?
- 10 A. I believe so, yes.
- 11 Q. As you were writing this up, did you talk
- 12 to Heather about what you should put down on
- 13 paper?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. As you were writing this up, who did you
- 16 think was getting this document?
- 17 A. Heather.
- 18 Q. After you finished writing it up, did she
- 19 ask you any questions about it?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Did you go back to your cashier area where
- 22 you were working on the date that you wrote this
- 23 up to keep checking people out, or did you take
- 24 the rest of the evening off or do something
- 25 else?

- 1 A. I waited for a while and kind of consumed
- 2 myself, went in the bathroom and washed my face
- 3 and went back to work.
- 4 Q. So about how long did it take you to write
- 5 up this document, Respondent's Exhibit 2?
- 6 A. I'm not even sure.
- 7 Q. And as you're writing it up, did you talk
- 8 to anybody on the phone, your family?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 MR. FELDMAN: It turned out to be
- 11 a bad day at the office.
- 12 MS. HANSON: Very bad day at the
- 13 office, yes.
- 14 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 15 Q. And then there was a time when you talked
- 16 to Ms. Peplowski from the hospital?
- 17 **A.** About?
- 18 Q. About what you put on paper?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Did anybody from University Hospitals ever
- 21 talk to you about what you put on paper?
- 22 A. Yes. They called me I think. I'm not
- 23 sure.
- 24 Q. When did somebody from the hospital talk to
- 25 you?

- 1 A. When the arbitration got called, they told
- 2 me.
- 3 Q. About how long was it after January 29th,
- 4 2009 that you talked to someone from University
- 5 Hospitals?
- 6 A. When was the last time we met down here?
- 7 Q. That would have been sometime in April?
- 8 A. Okay. Sometime in April.
- 9 Q. And before April had you talked to anybody
- 10 from University Hospitals?
- 11 A. I don't think so.
- 12 Q. Had you talked to anybody from --
- 13 A. I had talked to some other managers because
- 14 I remembered saying to them that I felt a little
- uncomfortable being at the cash register because
- 16 I was afraid he would come back. And they were
- 17 saying that they had already dealt with the
- 18 situation and that he would not be coming back
- 19 into the cafeteria. That was the conversation.
- 20 That was it.
- 21 Q. And, first of all, when do you remember
- that conversation taking place, right around
- January 29 or much later?
- 24 A. Right around that time, somewhere around
- 25 that time.

- 1 Q. Within a few days or a week or so?
- 2 **A.** Yeah.
- 3 Q. And who did you talk with?
- 4 A. I talked to David Hawk.
- 5 Q. Can you spell that last name?
- 6 A. H-a-w-k.
- 7 MR. FELDMAN: He's from
- 8 University Hospitals?
- 9 MS. HANSON: He's a Sodexho
- 10 manager.
- 11 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 12 Q. He's a Sodexho manager?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Do you remember talking to anyone else
- 15 besides Mr. Hawk?
- 16 **A.** No.
- 17 Q. And Mr. Hawk is the one that told you --
- 18 A. I didn't have to worry.
- 19 Q. Because the person wouldn't be coming back
- 20 into the cafeteria?
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. In that large hospital area, do you know
- that there are security cameras besides the one
- 24 that watches the transactions and the cash
- 25 drawer?

- 1 A. No. Those are the cameras, I think.
- 2 Q. I'd like you to look with me, ma'am, at the
- 3 security camera tape that the hospital has
- 4 provided me. I think it's the security camera
- 5 tape. It's the tape.
- 6 MR. CAMPBELL: Are we putting it
- 7 in as an exhibit, or what are we doing here?
- 8 MS. GRAGEL: Yes. I have it on
- 9 a jump drive or I could e-mail it to you. It's
- 10 the film that you e-mailed me.
- 11 MR. CAMPBELL: We'll see what it
- 12 is.
- 13 MR. FELDMAN: Do you want to
- 14 review it first?
- 15 MR. CAMPBELL: No. The witness
- 16 will review it. I'm going to assume -- she's
- 17 representing what I've given her.
- 18 MR. FELDMAN: I'm giving you the
- 19 opportunity --
- 20 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm going to
- 21 assume --
- MS. GRAGEL: It is exactly --
- 23 MR. FELDMAN: Let the record show
- that we were provided with a disk to reveal the
- 25 cafeteria area where the incident took place; is

171 1 that correct? 2. MS. GRAGEL: That is correct. 3 MR. CAMPBELL: And I think we all 4 agree there's no audio. 5 MR. FELDMAN: I want you to be 6 able to see this because you're going to be 7 asked questions. 8 Counsel, why don't you come and join 9 I want this to be done so that due 10 process -- so ask your question and make sure 11 you understand. It's not based only on the 12 question but on the video that you see, okay? 13 MS. HANSON: Okay. 14 MR. FELDMAN: First I'd like the 15 witness to identify the area as she sees and 16 then we'll go from there. 17 (Thereupon, the video was played.) 18 BY MS. GRAGEL: 19 Ms. Hanson, this is a video from January 27th, 2009 that shows 15:33, which I'm not sure 20 if that's time of day or simply a timer on the 21 22 It's something from January 27. And 23 before I hit the play button, is this you with 24 your back here in the area of the cashier? 25 Yes. Α.

- 1 **Q.** And you testified that there are two
- 2 cashier stations side by side and I've got a
- 3 taller person standing. Is that your fellow
- 4 cashier?
- 5 A. Co-worker, yes.
- 6 Q. And when I asked you if there was a wall to
- 7 your back that had glass or some wood separating
- 8 you from the food area, I'm pointing here at a
- 9 glassed in area behind you. Is that what you
- were thinking of when I asked you these
- 11 questions?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. I see next to that area where the cashier
- 14 is the gate is pulled down for the aisle. Is
- 15 that usually the way it is in the evening shift,
- 16 it closes the walkway from one cashier area?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And only one, two, three -- only one is
- 19 open?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And then there are tables sitting on the
- 22 other side of this area?
- 23 A. Uh-huh.
- 24 Q. Do you know where the camera is?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. This is different -- this is a different
- 2 kitchen than what you told me about?
- 3 A. Yes. Yes.
- 4 Q. It's a little jerky.
- 5 MR. CAMPBELL: I think the record
- 6 should reflect it's a time-lapsed video, it's
- 7 not real-time. It's missing moments. You
- 8 should describe that for the record.
- 9 MS. GRAGEL: You will notice
- 10 here that we're seeing jerky spots, that this
- individual, for example, the last picture we
- 12 saw, he was standing here and then a picture
- 13 standing here because the camera takes picture
- 14 every few seconds. Is that a fair description?
- 15 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. I wanted to
- 16 let the record reflect that we're not seeing
- 17 second by second, we are missing whatever amount
- 18 of time in between each photo.
- 19 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 20 Q. I paused this here because there's a good
- 21 two or three customers. Do you recognize any of
- 22 these?
- 23 A. Right here? (Indicating.)
- 24 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Here standing is an individual with a white
- 2 T-shirt. I would represent to you at the time
- 3 of the picture that is Mr. Harting.
- 4 **A.** Okay.
- 5 Q. You testified, Mrs. Hanson, that there was
- 6 a line of people during the time that
- 7 Mr. Harting talked to you about the change. Do
- 8 you see anybody immediately in the line behind
- 9 him here?
- 10 A. I don't see anybody in this shot, no.
- 11 Q. Someone just came on to the camera here.
- 12 Do you know, was this person in your area, or is
- 13 he someone going on to a table?
- 14 A. I'm not sure.
- 15 Q. After Mr. Harting was in the line and
- 16 started the discussion about the change, did
- 17 anybody -- did you check out anybody while he
- 18 was standing there?
- 19 **A.** No.
- 20 Q. Did you let somebody jump the line?
- 21 A. I couldn't.
- 22 Q. You had to finish?
- 23 A. I had to make sure I dealt with him first.
- 24 Q. There's an individual standing here in a
- 25 dark -- is this your manager?

- 1 A. Let me see.
- 2 MR. CAMPBELL: She's shaking her

- 3 head no.
- 4 MS. HANSON: I can't see it.
- 5 MR. FELDMAN: Ma'am, you're going
- 6 to have to speak up.
- 7 MS. HANSON: Okay.
- 8 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 9 Q. Clearly Mr. Harting is here. Do you see
- 10 him?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Mr. Harting is still there. Do you see the
- 13 white T-shirt?
- 14 A. No. I see the white T-shirt. I don't see
- 15 Mr. Harting, though.
- 16 Q. Do you see that?
- 17 A. I don't see Mr. Harting.
- 18 **Q.** You see the same man?
- 19 A. I see the same T-shirt.
- 20 Q. Another man there?
- 21 A. I don't see nobody. You can't really see
- the faces. You can't see faces at all.
- 23 MR. FELDMAN: The angle is bad
- 24 and the lights are bad.
- 25

- 1 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 2 Q. The individual there is standing?
- 3 A. I see somebody standing there. I see
- 4 somebody reached out like this, same person.
- 5 They're still reaching out like this at the
- 6 cashier, I see that.
- 7 Q. Now, there's another individual standing
- 8 there. Do you know if that's your manager?
- 9 A. What date is this?
- 10 **Q.** January 27th.
- 11 A. Is this person now at the cash register?
- 12 **Q.** I'm asking you that. Is there someone?
- 13 A. I really can't tell.
- 14 Q. Before I start this up again, these
- individuals, these customers are sitting?
- 16 A. Exactly.
- 17 Q. Do you see them acting --
- 18 A. Huh-uh, but there was some people standing
- 19 here and I don't see them. (Indicating.)
- 20 MR. CAMPBELL: Let the record
- 21 reflect she's pointing behind the register.
- 22 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 23 Q. People standing in the area behind the
- 24 gated aisle?
- 25 A. Right. It was a manager standing there --

- 1 **Q.** At the salad bar?
- 2 A. -- and I don't see him.
- 3 O. We'll look again later.
- 4 This individual is here at the counter
- 5 having a discussion with you there or someone
- 6 else there.
- 7 MR. CAMPBELL: She's shaking her
- 8 head no.
- 9 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 10 Q. You don't know what --
- 11 A. I can't even see.
- 12 Q. Do you recognize that person?
- 13 (Indicating.)
- 14 A. See, that's when he was making the
- 15 statement, "That thieving nigger ain't going to
- 16 take my money." He did, he reached back and
- 17 said, "That thieving nigger ain't going to take
- 18 my fucking money." (Indicating.)
- 19 MR. CAMPBELL: The witness is
- 20 stating that he pointed to her as the video is
- 21 showing.
- 22 MS. HANSON: Yes, he did.
- 23 **BY MS. GRAGEL:**
- 24 Q. This individual here, that's Andrew, see
- 25 him?

- 1 A. That's Andrew.
- 2 Q. I didn't quite get it.
- Now, for the record, at the bottom corner
- 4 of this screen, and it will be available
- 5 electronically for the arbitrator, this
- 6 discussion that the witness started having about
- 7 when this was said appears around two minutes
- 8 and 36 seconds --
- 9 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm going to
- 10 object. The witness is sitting here saying she
- 11 doesn't know. We have an attorney testifying
- 12 what it is. If she wants to have her witness
- get up there and testify when it started and
- 14 when it didn't -- she's not here to testify.
- 15 MS. GRAGEL: I'm sorry. The
- 16 witness when she said that's what happened,
- 17 that's what he said --
- 18 MR. CAMPBELL: I think you should
- 19 have pointed it out and had her testify to it,
- 20 not for you to testify after the fact as to when
- 21 it started and when it didn't.
- 22 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 23 Q. Do you see here at the bottom there's some
- 24 green numbers? What do those numbers mean?
- 25 **A.** 236.

- 1 **Q.** And there is a picture here of Mr. -- do
- 2 you recognize that picture of Mr. Harting?
- 3 A. Mr. Harting.
- 4 Q. Mr. Harting is standing on the other side
- of the wall by the cash register and what do the
- 6 green numbers show?
- 7 A. Two minutes and 40 seconds.
- 8 Q. Two minutes, 40, and, again, we are not
- 9 offering those as a time sequence, but as
- 10 numbers for point of reference on this tape.
- 11 That's the end of the tape.
- 12 Are there portions of this you would like
- 13 played back?
- 14 A. Go all the way back to the time he actually
- 15 walked up to my counter.
- 16 Q. White shirt, dark pants.
- 17 A. That's what you said. Did he just arrive?
- 18 Q. We'll pause it. I don't see dark pants and
- 19 white shirt there and it's at reference point
- 20 112.
- 21 MR. FELDMAN: What is this being
- 22 offered for?
- 23 MS. GRAGEL: I think there are a
- 24 number of things that can be offered.
- MR. FELDMAN: Why don't you tell

180 1 me? 2 MS. GRAGEL: The first is 3 throughout this process none of these 4 individuals that are sitting here are reacting. 5 There was, in fact, a long conversation, and the 6 tape is an opportunity to review it later, which 7 shows no reaction by any by-standers. To the 8 extent that Ms. Hanson has testified there was a 9 long line of people during this incident, the 10 tape shows otherwise. 11 No, it doesn't. Ιt MS. HANSON: 12 doesn't show a long line of people when he first 13 arrived, but -- and this cashier here, if you 14 notice the cashier is standing here and the gate 15 is down. Whenever you see something like that, 16 they're doing what we call payroll deduction, 17 and what they're doing is helping get the line 18 That's the reason why the other cashier down. 19 is standing there. There's no reason for him to 20 be there if the gate is there, so he was helping 21 get the line down. 22 MS. GRAGEL: Hold on --23 MR. CAMPBELL: Let her answer. 24 You've raised this issue and she's answering and 25 you're trying to cut her off.

- 1 MS. HANSON: So when he first
- 2 arrived, no, there was probably no one there
- 3 maybe. But it went on for so long, if you
- 4 notice the cafeteria, people is moving around.
- 5 These people now are in my line, and this
- 6 manager is standing at the salad bar; and the
- 7 reason why I know so is because when I felt
- 8 threatened by him, I looked up, and they were
- 9 standing there; they had stopped making their
- 10 food and had turned all the way around to make
- 11 sure everything was okay.
- 12 So there's people standing at the
- 13 salad bar, but this does not show it. And they
- 14 did react to it. If you zoom that in, you'll
- 15 see them stop, turn around and watch us through
- 16 the whole thing.
- 17 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 18 **Q.** So just to get a point of reference at --
- 19 the tape starts at 000 and you tell me that this
- other cashier came to help you move the line.
- 21 A. He was there to help me move the line.
- Now, if you notice he's going to walk off. When
- the gentleman comes, he walks off because my
- 24 line is in control.
- 25 Q. White shirt, black pants, the other cashier

- 1 is still next to you?
- 2 A. Yes, he is.
- 3 Q. And we are at reference 21.
- 4 A. He's gone. Keep going. He'll walk right
- 5 away. He's gone.
- 6 O. Reference point 25.
- 7 A. I don't know nothing about reference. I
- 8 don't know. All I know is what happened that
- 9 day. I don't know about the numbers, I don't
- 10 know about the time.
- 11 Q. And at this section the tape shows at
- 12 reference point 28. Now, back here in this area
- of the salad bar, do you recognize anyone?
- 14 A. I can't even see that. You can't even see
- that unless you're going to bring that in much
- 16 plainer.
- 17 Q. Is this the area where you would --
- 18 A. The salad bar should be somewhere right in
- 19 front of my register. If you want to see some
- 20 persons reacting, that's where we should have
- 21 zoomed, not here.
- 22 Q. Do you recognize this person at the left
- 23 counter with the -- this is reference point 40.
- 24 Do you recognize a dark-skinned person wearing a
- 25 hospital uniform?

- 1 A. No. Can you bring that person closer to
- 2 me?
- 3 O. No.
- 4 A. Then I do not know.
- 5 Q. And we'll stop here. This is reference
- 6 point 50.
- 7 A. So this went on a long time. A long time.
- 8 Q. If this is a clock time, it went on
- 9 something in the range of two minutes, 30
- 10 seconds.
- 11 A. That's a long time.
- 12 **Q.** At this point, do you remember anything
- that was being said between you and Mr. Harting
- 14 at 50 seconds?
- 15 A. I cannot tell you what we said at 50
- 16 seconds to nothing on that laptop.
- 17 Q. How far into the contact was it between you
- 18 and Mr. Harting where you felt that it had
- 19 gotten heated?
- 20 A. The minute he said to me, "No, I gave you a
- 21 ten."
- I said, "No, sir, you gave me six dollars."
- He went, "I gave you a fucking ten."
- I said, "I see now I have to go get my
- 25 manager."

- 1 **Q.** And if I understand correctly, that was
- 2 around the time the manager came because he was
- 3 watching?
- 4 A. I don't know whether he was watching or
- 5 not. All I know is when I got up to go get my
- 6 manager, he was already on his way where we
- 7 were. It was probably because my line was held
- 8 up.
- 9 Q. And if your line was held up, would that be
- 10 people standing behind Mr. Harting?
- 11 A. That would be people standing behind him,
- 12 but you can't see if nobody is standing behind
- 13 him on that tape.
- 14 Q. And how many people were behind him?
- 15 A. I cannot tell you.
- 16 Q. Anybody after Mr. Harting passed through
- 17 your line speak to you about what they observed?
- 18 A. Sure, they did. Lots of people did.
- 19 **Q.** How many?
- 20 A. I can't tell you how many.
- 21 **Q.** Males or females?
- 22 A. I do not know.
- 23 Q. Hospital clothes or outsiders?
- 24 A. I do not know.
- 25 Q. Did they talk to you over a few minutes or

- 1 over several hours?
- 2 A. I don't have time to be held up through my
- 3 line. It don't take long to say, "Did you hear
- 4 that, " and they were out. "That was rude, " and
- 5 they were out. "You should report that," and
- 6 they were out. It don't take but a second.
- 7 They'd say that while I'm making the
- 8 transaction.
- 9 Q. You heard that how many times?
- 10 A. People that was in the line -- people
- 11 walked up to me and asked me, "Are you all
- 12 right?" And I said "Yes," end of it.
- 13 Q. Five, ten, fifteen?
- 14 A. I do not know. You asked me did people
- 15 discuss it with me. My answer is yes. How
- 16 many? I do not know.
- 17 Q. When people come through the line, those
- 18 individuals that work for University Hospitals
- 19 have a badge, correct?
- 20 A. Yes, they do.
- 21 Q. And those that work for University
- Hospitals as regular hospital employees, they
- also have a swipe card, correct?
- 24 A. Yes, they do.
- MR. FELDMAN: A what?

- 1 MS. GRAGEL: Swipe card.
- 2 MS. HANSON: Wait a minute. I
- don't want to answer that wrong. Say it again.
- 4 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 5 Q. Do University Hospital employees also have
- 6 a swipe card that they can use at the line to
- 7 buy food?
- 8 A. Some of them.
- 9 Q. Did Mr. Harting, if you remember, have a
- 10 badge?
- 11 A. He did not give me a badge.
- 12 **Q.** Did you know from the year or so that you
- worked at the hospital that construction workers
- 14 had identification badges because they worked
- 15 within the building?
- 16 A. Some of them do.
- 17 Q. And did you have occasion as a cashier to
- 18 see construction workers who had their worker
- 19 badges coming through your line?
- 20 A. Yes, I have.
- 21 Q. And did Mr. Harting have a construction
- 22 worker's badge when he --
- 23 A. No, he did not.
- 24 Q. As far as you know he had no badge?
- 25 A. He had no badge.

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- 1 Q. Would that have been significant to you one
- 2 way or the other?
- 3 A. No, it wouldn't have. I would have waited
- 4 on him regardless.
- 5 Q. We just went through an exercise where you
- 6 looked at a film with me in the presence of the
- 7 arbitrator. Had you ever seen this film before
- 8 today?
- 9 A. No, I haven't.
- 10 MS. GRAGEL: Nothing further.
- 11 MR. CAMPBELL: I just have a few
- 12 questions and we'll let you go.
- 13 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 15 Q. Did you ever see the film that showed how
- 16 much change you gave to Mr. Harting?
- 17 **A.** Yes, I did.
- 18 Q. Did you give him the correct change?
- 19 A. I did.
- 20 Q. Did it upset you when you saw that he was
- 21 being rewarded for his conduct?
- 22 A. Yes, it did.
- 23 Q. Did you feel threatened by Mr. Harting?
- 24 A. Yes, I do.
- 25 Q. Were you embarrassed by his conduct?

- 1 A. I was, yes.
- 2 MR. FELDMAN: Threatened, you
- 3 mean physically threatened?
- 4 MS. HANSON: Yeah, I felt
- 5 physically threatened, yeah.
- 6 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 7 Q. Have you ever had somebody argue with you
- 8 for over two minutes in your line?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. And it's your testimony that you asked your
- 11 manager to -- you raised an issue as to whether
- 12 you could continue to work as a cashier if
- 13 Mr. Harting may come back?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. It they told you that Mr. Harting was free
- 16 to come back in the cafeteria, what would you
- 17 have done?
- 18 A. My husband told me I had to quit.
- 19 Q. You would have --
- 20 A. I had to quit.
- 21 **Q.** You like your job?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. You would have walked away from your job if
- 24 Mr. Harting was permitted to come back?
- 25 A. I would have had to. My husband told me I

- 1 had to quit.
- 2 Q. Now, the union is here trying -- they
- 3 showed you that video and asked you the
- 4 questions trying to say that you're not telling
- 5 the truth.
- 6 Has anybody asked you to say anything other
- 7 than the truth here?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. You've said everything truthful here?
- 10 **A.** I have.
- 11 Q. Have you changed your story at all
- 12 throughout the course of this?
- 13 A. No. I am a minister and I would not lie on
- 14 Mr. Harting.
- 15 Q. When you say "minister," tell us a little
- 16 bit more about that.
- 17 A. I'm an evangelistic minister. I would not
- 18 lie.
- 19 Q. Have you had to go through training or
- 20 certification to become an evangelistic
- 21 minister?
- 22 **A.** Yes, I did.
- 23 Q. How long have you been a minister?
- 24 A. I've been a minister now for two and a half
- 25 years.

- 1 **Q.** And for what church are you a minister?
- 2 A. Springfield Missionary Baptist Church,
- 3 Cleveland, Ohio.
- 4 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any
- 5 further questions for Ms. Hanson at this time.
- 6 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 8 Q. Ms. Hanson, you said that you spoke with
- 9 your spouse about the situation.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Did you speak to him before or after you
- made the write-up marked as Respondent's
- 13 Exhibit 2?
- 14 A. Both times. When I went home, I told him
- 15 about the situation. He asked me if I had
- 16 reported it and I told him, no, because Andrew
- 17 had really dealt with the guy, and I was just
- describing his behavior and how intimidated, you
- 19 know, he made me feel and we forgot about it.
- 20 And then the day of the 29th I was going to
- 21 call him to come and get me because I was so
- upset by it, but I never made it to the phone.
- 23 So I discussed it with him after I got home, and
- I told him I had wrote up the write-up, and he
- 25 didn't say anything. And then we came down for

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- the arbitration, and then my husband actually
- 2 seen Mr. Harting. And he went, "You know, Tish,
- if he's allowed to come back, you're going to
- 4 have to quit."
- 5 Q. So that conversation about quitting the job
- 6 didn't happen on January 27th?
- 7 **A.** No.
- 8 Q. It didn't happen on January 29th?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. It happened here in April --
- 11 A. Right.
- 12 Q. -- when this arbitration proceeding
- 13 started?
- 14 A. Right, when we felt like he would be
- 15 allowed to come back into the cafeteria.
- 16 **MS. GRAGEL:** I have nothing
- 17 further.
- 18 MR. FELDMAN: Let me just get the
- 19 sequence of events, okay. The situation
- 20 occurred on the 27th of January; is that right?
- 21 MS. HANSON: Yes.
- MR. FELDMAN: While you were at
- your position as a cashier in the cafeteria.
- MS. HANSON: Yes.
- MR. FELDMAN: What time of day?

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1	MS. HANSON:	When I wrote the
2	statement, about 7:00 to	somewhere between
3	7:00 and 8:00 p.m. I'm	not sure.
4	MR. FELDMAN:	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.?
5	MS. HANSON:	I think so.
6	MR. FELDMAN:	Now, on the 28th
7	nothing happened.	
8	MS. HANSON:	No.
9	MR. FELDMAN:	Did you discuss it
10	10 with anybody on the 28th?	
11	MS. HANSON:	No.
12	MR. FELDMAN:	January 29th came
13	around and Mr. Harting c	ame back again on that
14	date?	
15	MS. HANSON:	Yes.
16	MR. FELDMAN:	What time of day
17	was that?	
18	MS. HANSON:	I can't say
19	exactly.	
20	MR. FELDMAN:	Give me was it
21	supper menu, dinner menu, luncheon menu,	
22	breakfast menu?	
23	MS. HANSON:	Probably. Let's
24	say about 7:00 to 8:00.	
25	MR. FELDMAN:	7:00 to 8:00 the

193 1 27th? 2 MS. HANSON: Maybe. 3 MR. FELDMAN: And then you saw 4 him in your line again? 5 Yes. MS. HANSON: 6 And this is when MR. FELDMAN: 7 the refreshing incident occurred that the 8 manager gave Mr. Harting a meal ticket? 9 MS. HANSON: 10 MR. FELDMAN: And that set you 11 off again? 12 MS. HANSON: I wasn't -- it 13 didn't set me off the first time. It didn't 14 bother me. It didn't annoy me. It set me 15 off -- that set me off that time. 16 MR. FELDMAN: The meal ticket? 17 MS. HANSON: Yes. 18 MR. FELDMAN: Because that in 19 your mind made you feel that you were guilty --20 MS. HANSON: Yes. 21 MR. FELDMAN: -- because they 22 were trying to give back something to 23 Mr. Harting? 24 MS. HANSON: And then it made me 25 feel like -- in my heart, I wanted so much for

194 him to know that I really had gave him the right 1 2 change, you know. I wanted him to know that. 3 No one has asked MR. FELDMAN: 4 the question, but have you been short or over in 5 your cash register at any other time? 6 A few pennies MS. HANSON: 7 maybe. 8 MR. FELDMAN: Few pennies. 9 Most of the time MS. HANSON: 10 perfect draws. 11 MR. FELDMAN: Never \$25? 12 Oh, no. MS. HANSON: 13 Or any other large MR. FELDMAN: 14 sum? 15 Oh, no. MS. HANSON: 16 Now, did you fully MR. FELDMAN: 17 discuss this meal ticket activity with your boss 18 as to why he gave --19 Yes, I did. MS. HANSON: 20 MR. FELDMAN: What was the answer 21 that he said? 22 What did he tell MS. HANSON: 23 He told me because he was just trying to 24 keep the peace, or he was just trying -- he said 25 he was just trying to show him that we weren't

195 all that bad or something like that. I don't 2 know. 3 MR. FELDMAN: Is there anything 4 else that you want to tell me about this? 5 That's it. MS. HANSON: 6 Okay. Any further MR. FELDMAN: 7 questions? 8 MS. GRAGEL: Just one, and it's 9 not quite in response to your question. 10 BY MS. GRAGEL: 11 In the year or so that you have worked at 0. 12 the University Hospital cafeteria, at anyplace 13 are there signs posted that say to the effect 14 "Construction workers, don't eat here," or 15 "Construction workers, keep out"? 16 None that I've MS. HANSON: 17 seen. None that I've seen. 18 MR. FELDMAN: Thank you very 19 much. Next witness. 20 DAVID HAWK 21 of lawful age, a witness herein, was examined 22 and testified as follows: 23 MR. FELDMAN: For the record, may 24 I have your name?

David Hawk.

MR. HAWK:

- 1 MR. FELDMAN: David Hawk, just
- 2 like the bird?
- 3 MR. HAWK: Yes.
- 4 MR. FELDMAN: Do you understand,
- 5 Mr. Hawk, you're under oath?
- 6 MR. HAWK: Uh-huh.
- 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 9 O. Just so the record is clear, if you could
- 10 say "yes" or "no" audibly so the court reporter
- 11 can get down a good record, okay?
- 12 **A.** Okay.
- 13 Q. Who is your employer?
- 14 A. Sodexho.
- 15 Q. What is Sodexho's role at University
- 16 Hospitals' main campus?
- 17 A. Well, in my area it's the retail -- it's
- 18 the retail for the food service, which includes
- 19 Einstein's and the cafeteria.
- 20 Q. In simple terms, does Sodexho manage the
- 21 cafeteria?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Sodexho employees actually supervise UH
- 24 employees?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. When I say "UH," University Hospitals'
- 2 employees?
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. Just answer "yes" or "no."
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And we just heard from Lattisia Hanson.
- 7 Do you know Ms. Hanson?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And is she a UH employee?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what is your position?
- 12 A. Her position is cashier.
- 13 Q. And what is your title?
- 14 A. My title is retail manager.
- 15 Q. And in simple terms, what is a retail
- 16 manager?
- 17 A. Retail manager, I oversee the daily
- 18 operations of the cafeteria, Einstein's Bagels
- 19 Brothers, maintain the employees and the food,
- 20 overall --
- 21 Q. Who is the -- if we're talking about
- 22 Sodexho at the main campus, who is the top
- 23 Sodexho supervisor?
- 24 A. Top Sodexho supervisor is Tom Schwendeman
- 25 and Dan Ballard.

- 1 Q. And below Dan, are you at that next tier?
- 2 A. I would say I'm the next tier.
- 3 O. Are you with Heather and Andrew?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And Heather is Heather Dougherty McDonnell?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And Andrew Powel?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Are you aware of Ms. Hanson's employment,
- of whether she's a good employee or not?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 **Q.** How is her performance?
- 13 MR. FELDMAN: Are you --
- 14 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 15 Q. Are you familiar with Ms. Hanson's work
- 16 performance?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And what is it, good, bad?
- 19 A. Good.
- 20 Q. As a cashier, has she had problems?
- 21 A. Oh, no. No.
- 22 Q. How about as to her drawer being accurate
- or inaccurate, how has she been?
- 24 A. She's very accurate.
- 25 Q. Now, let me ask you about your role in the

- 1 incident with -- first of all, I'm going to ask
- 2 you, are you familiar with a Mr. Harting? Has
- 3 that name ever come to you or just the
- 4 individual?
- 5 A. I don't know Mr. Harting.
- 6 O. You don't know the name?
- 7 A. I don't know the name.
- 8 Q. Do you recognize the individual in here --
- 9 did you ever see him?
- 10 A. Yeah. Well, I mean, if we're talking about
- 11 the gentleman --
- 12 Q. Why don't you turn to that side of the
- 13 table and let us know which gentleman --
- 14 A. Right there. (Indicating.)
- 15 MS. GRAGEL: Identification
- 16 stipulated.
- 17 MR. CAMPBELL: He's pointing to
- 18 the grievant.
- 19 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 20 Q. And tell us about -- so you didn't know his
- 21 name at the time you did this?
- 22 A. No. In fact, I just found out his name.
- 23 Q. I'm going to tell you his name is
- 24 Mr. Harting just so there's no confusion. Tell
- 25 us what your involvement was in this Mr. Harting

- 1 incident?
- 2 A. Okay. On Friday morning I was consulted by
- 3 Heather Dougherty.
- 4 MR. FELDMAN: Friday morning,
- 5 January 27th?
- 6 MR. HAWK: No, Friday was the
- 7 30th, I think.
- 8 MR. CAMPBELL: Let me show the
- 9 arbitrator the calendar. The 29th she worked
- 10 six to six and then --
- 11 MR. FELDMAN: Friday morning,
- 12 January 30th.
- 13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 14 Q. Just so the record is clear, what shift do
- 15 you typically work?
- 16 A. I normally work 8:00 to 5:30 shift.
- 17 **o.** 8:00 a.m.?
- 18 A. 8:00 a.m.
- 19 Q. So if we're talking about Friday,
- January 30th, 2009, you would have come in
- 21 around 8:00 a.m.?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Tell us what happened on that day.
- 24 A. Heather came in, I think it was around 9:30
- 25 and --

- 1 Q. And just so the record is clear, Heather
- 2 who?
- 3 A. Heather Dougherty McDonnell. She came in
- 4 and she was talking to me about the situation
- 5 that happened. Do you want me to tell the
- 6 details that she told me?
- 7 MR. FELDMAN: I want you to wait
- 8 for a question so you can answer it.
- 9 MR. HAWK: Okay. Sorry.
- 10 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 11 Q. Did she give you any written statements?
- 12 A. She did after we talked, after we talked
- 13 about it, yeah.
- 14 Q. Tell us what you talked about with Heather
- 15 first.
- 16 A. She said that a gentleman came in on
- 17 Tuesday night and claimed that Tish shorted him
- 18 money, and said that he -- now, this is what she
- 19 heard from what she was telling me from Andrew,
- 20 that he acted very aggressive, was accusing Tish
- of shorting him money. And then she went and
- said on Thursday night he came in and when
- 23 Andrew told him that he didn't have the money --
- that she wasn't short money on her register and
- 25 that her register came out perfect balance, that

- 1 he started to yell at Andrew and say, "Bullshit,
- 2 this is bullshit"; and it was also stated that
- 3 Tish said that he said "nigger" to her.
- 4 Q. What happened next?
- 5 A. Okay. So I pulled -- I was talking to her
- 6 about it, so I pulled up the video.
- 7 MR. FELDMAN: Which video?
- 8 MR. HAWK: The video on the
- 9 computer. I was able to see --
- 10 MR. FELDMAN: Which video?
- 11 There's two covering the cashier.
- 12 MR. HAWK: I pulled up the one
- 13 from Tuesday and the one --
- 14 MR. FELDMAN: I'm not making
- 15 myself clear. I understand we saw one video
- 16 here from the back of the area covering both
- 17 cashiers.
- 18 MR. HAWK: Yeah.
- 19 MR. FELDMAN: I understand
- there's a second video covering one cashier at a
- 21 time. Which video did you pull up?
- MR. HAWK: I pulled up the one
- from the back, not the one that's over top of
- 24 the cashier. Exactly.
- 25 MR. CAMPBELL: Let the record

203 1 reflect that counsel showed him the video that 2 was shown to Ms. Hanson and he said that's the 3 one. 4 MS. GRAGEL: I have showed him just the cover -- the first frame of the video 5 6 that you looked at with us, Mr. Arbitrator, with 7 the prior witness. And, for the record, it may 8 make sense if I can identify this as Union 9 Exhibit 3. For purposes of the record, if we 10 could make the video of January 27th Union 11 Exhibit 2, and the video of January 29th, which 12 has not yet been displayed here, Union 3. 13 MR. FELDMAN: Union 2 is 14 January 27th video? 15 Yes, sir. MS. GRAGEL: 16 (Thereupon, Union Exhibits 2 and 3 17 were marked for purposes of 18 identification.) 19 MR. CAMPBELL: And I think at this 20 point that's all I can agree to since we haven't presented January 29th yet. 21 22 MR. FELDMAN: Union 3 a video of 23 January 29th? 24 MS. GRAGEL: Which has not been 25 shown.

1 MR. FELDMAN: The one you're

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- 2 showing me is January 27th?
- 3 MS. GRAGEL: Yes, sir.
- 4 MR. FELDMAN: You said you pulled
- 5 out the video, and now we got sidetracked and
- 6 we're back on track. Which video did you pull
- 7 out? What date?
- 8 MR. HAWK: Within the same
- 9 sequence, I did pull the 27th and I did pull the
- 10 29th.
- 11 MR. FELDMAN: Continue on.
- 12 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 13 Q. What did you pull the videos for?
- 14 A. I pulled it just to -- I wanted to see if I
- 15 could see anywhere where I could see that maybe
- 16 he was being loud, boisterous, maybe aggressive.
- 17 Q. What did you determine based on your
- 18 review?
- 19 A. I mean, you could see where there were
- 20 motions being made, and that he was verbally
- looking back, and to me it looked like he was
- 22 saying something back.
- 23 Q. There's no audio on the security video?
- 24 A. Right, no audio.
- 25 Q. What did you do after reviewing the

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- 1 videotapes?
- 2 A. After reviewing the videotape, I'm trying
- 3 to think of the sequence, but I think after I
- 4 viewed the videotapes I think I called Sue.
- 5 Q. Sue Peplowski?
- 6 A. Peplowski. You know what, I didn't call
- 7 Sue Peplowski. I actually called -- I had
- 8 Heather call Tish because I wanted to interview
- 9 Tish.
- 10 Q. Tish is Ms. Hanson?
- 11 A. Lattisia Hanson that was just in here. I
- 12 wanted to get how she --
- 13 Q. Did you interview Ms. Hanson?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Tell us what you recall from that
- 16 interview.
- 17 **A.** From the interview, she stated that, you
- 18 know, she didn't short the gentleman, and that
- 19 she actually on Thursday just -- you could see
- where on Thursday she moved herself off of the
- 21 register and let Andrew actually take him
- 22 because she didn't feel comfortable with him.
- 23 And she also stated to me that he did say
- 24 "nigger" to her.
- 25 Q. Was she upset about the incident?

- 1 **A.** Oh, yes.
- 2 Q. Did she say anything to you about whether
- 3 she was willing to continue working with him
- 4 available -- with him being on the property?
- 5 MS. GRAGEL: Objection, form.
- 6 It's getting a little leading here,
- 7 Mr. Arbitrator.
- 8 MR. FELDMAN: Rephrase.
- 9 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 10 Q. Did she say anything to you about
- 11 continuing her work?
- 12 A. I think I actually asked her, I said -- one
- of the questions I asked her, I said, "Tish" --
- 14 I call her "Tish." I said, "Tish, did you feel
- 15 threatened?"
- And she said, "Yes, I felt very threatened
- 17 and I feel very uncomfortable with this
- 18 gentleman."
- 19 Q. Let me show you what's been marked as
- 20 Respondent's Exhibit 2 and ask you if you've
- seen that document before today?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. What is that?
- 24 A. Lattisia's statement.
- 25 Q. How did you get that? Who gave it to you?

- 1 A. Heather.
- 2 Q. In your discussion with Tish, was she
- 3 consistent with the written statement?
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. Just say "yes."
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. What did you do after interviewing
- 8 Ms. Hanson?
- 9 A. After I interviewed Tish, I called up
- 10 Andrew.
- 11 **Q.** Andrew who?
- 12 A. Andrew Powel and I wanted to see, you know,
- was this gentleman using cuss words and
- 14 everything towards him and how did he feel. And
- 15 he stated that, "Yes," and that he felt, you
- 16 know, uncomfortable, and that the guy -- the
- 17 gentleman was yelling "bullshit" to him.
- 18 MR. FELDMAN: The guy was what?
- 19 MR. HAWK: The guy was yelling
- 20 "bullshit" at him, saying "bullshit" to him.
- 21 And he also stated to me that John Rivera was
- there so I could interview John Rivera, too.
- 23 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 24 **Q.** Did you interview John?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Who is John? What position?
- 2 A. He is the executive chef in the patient
- 3 service area.
- 4 Q. And what did John tell you?
- 5 A. I didn't have to call John. John was -- I
- 6 think -- I saw John at work that day so I
- 7 interviewed him, and he said, "Yeah, I'm
- 8 standing there, and I was kind of like, wow, you
- 9 know, this guy is yelling 'bullshit' at Andrew,"
- okay, so he confirmed.
- 11 MR. FELDMAN: Confirmed the word
- 12 "bullshit"?
- 13 MR. HAWK: Confirmed multiple
- 14 times of saying "bullshit," so --
- 15 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 16 **Q.** What did you do next?
- 17 A. To that point -- in my mind I felt that the
- 18 employee and the managers did not feel safe or
- 19 they didn't feel comfortable with this
- 20 gentleman, so I called to try to get
- 21 verification from Sue if it would be okay if we
- 22 could ban him from the cafeteria.
- 23 Q. And so based on your investigation and your
- interviews of the witnesses, both males and
- 25 females told you that they felt threatened?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Both males and females told you that his
- 3 conduct was inappropriate?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And it was your recommendation to Sue that
- 6 he be banned from the cafeteria?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 **Q.** Go on.
- 9 A. Just to clarify. John Rivera, he didn't
- 10 say to me about him feeling threatened, he just
- 11 verified the profanity. I don't want to --
- 12 Q. Thank you for that. And what did Sue do?
- 13 A. I think Sue -- when talking to Sue, Sue
- 14 said, "Do me a favor and save the video,"
- 15 Exhibit 3, the one from the 27th and 29th. Now,
- 16 I didn't know how to do that, so I called
- 17 security and I had security come up and they
- 18 saved it for me.
- 19 Q. Who did the still photos of the individual?
- 20 A. The still?
- 21 Q. Let me show you. Have you seen these
- 22 stills before?
- 23 A. I haven't seen the stills, but these are
- 24 part of the -- these are part of the video.
- 25 These are part of the video. They look closer

- 1 to when he's walking away.
- 2 Q. Were you involved in determining who the
- 3 individual was who was responsible for these
- 4 issues, determining his name?
- 5 A. Naming him, no. I had -- we went through
- 6 the time and then Heather pointed him out as the
- 7 gentleman.
- 8 **Q.** To who?
- 9 A. To me on the video camera.
- 10 Q. Do you know who was able to determine that
- 11 he was Mr. Harting? Were you involved in that
- 12 or was that UH?
- 13 A. I think that was UH to verify it.
- 14 Q. Did you talk to Sue about what was
- 15 ultimately done as to Mr. Harting?
- 16 A. What was our --
- 17 Q. Did Sue Peplowski report back to you as to
- 18 what UH decided to do?
- 19 A. Yeah. She stated that she felt that we
- 20 didn't want this gentleman to be in the
- 21 cafeteria and pose a -- you know, any time you
- 22 have someone that you feel might pose a threat
- 23 to your employees, you don't want to take that
- 24 chance. If you let it go any further, it might
- 25 turn into something worse. So we verified that

- 1 that is what we would -- the decision we would
- 2 like to make.
- 3 Q. To your knowledge, has Mr. Harting returned
- 4 to the cafeteria after that?
- 5 A. After I've told him?
- 6 Q. After you talked to Sue.
- 7 Have you met him before in person?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. You haven't met Mr. Harting in person?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Have you ever spoken with Mr. Harting?
- 12 A. Not until -- no.
- 13 Q. Do you know who communicated to him that he
- was not to return to the property?
- 15 A. I did.
- 16 Q. So I thought you said you didn't speak to
- 17 him.
- 18 A. I thought you meant after I spoke with Sue
- 19 right away.
- 20 Q. Tell me about your conversation.
- 21 A. After I spoke with Sue and she verified
- that, our understanding was the next time he
- comes in, he would be approached and asked not
- 24 to return.
- 25 Q. Did you do that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Tell us about that.
- 3 A. I let the other managers know that, you
- 4 know -- up until now, from my understanding,
- 5 most of the time he visited after -- it seemed
- 6 like after I would be gone or sometimes I would
- 7 be in the office finishing up my work or getting
- 8 ready to leave. He came back in around between
- 9 5:00 and 5:30 probably that day.
- 10 Q. Let me just put a time frame on it.
- 11 A. On Friday, the 30th.
- 12 Q. Friday, the 30th. So he came in again on
- 13 the 30th?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Tell us what happened.
- 16 A. He went and got something to eat. When I
- 17 noticed that he sat down and got something to
- 18 eat.
- 19 Q. Was Ms. Hanson working at this point?
- 20 A. No, not yet. So I approached him, and I
- 21 sat down and I stated to him that -- I said,
- "Sir, you had a little problem with one of my
- employees, and he said, "Yeah, she's an f-ing
- 24 thief."
- 25 Q. Did he use "f-ing"?

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- 1 A. "Fucking." I said, "Well, sir, the
- 2 facts show from the procedures that we followed
- 3 that she did not take anything."
- 4 He said, "She's a thief." And then I think
- 5 he said something about, "She's done this to six
- 6 or seven of my friends" or something like that
- 7 was his statement, okay.
- I said, "Well, sir, we perform audits on
- 9 all the cashiers, we follow the appropriate
- 10 procedures. This did not show any of her being
- 11 up on money or anything like that." I said to
- 12 him, I said, "So my management and my employees
- do not feel comfortable with you coming here
- 14 anymore so I'm going to ask you to no longer
- 15 come here."
- He said something like, "You're willing to
- 17 give \$12 a day for me not -- that's what I
- 18 spend?"
- 19 I said, "Yes, sir. I think it's best for
- 20 all of us that you no longer come to the
- 21 cafeteria." Basically that was the end of the
- 22 conversation.
- 23 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any
- 24 further questions. You'll have to be asked some
- 25 questions by the union.

214 1 Are you ready? MR. FELDMAN: 2 MS. GRAGEL: Yes. 3 CROSS-EXAMINATION 4 BY MS. GRAGEL: 5 Mr. Hawk, you said you recognize 6 Mr. Harting here today. 7 Α. Yes. 8 Had you seen him in the University 9 Hospitals' cafeteria before January 27th, 29th, 10 30th of this year? 11 MR. FELDMAN: Yes or no. 12 No. MR. HAWK: 13 MR. FELDMAN: Next question, 14 please. 15 BY MS. GRAGEL: Does Sodexho run the food service area in 16 Q. 17 the Case Western Reserve Animal Health Building? 18 Animal Health? Α. 19 Q. Yes. 20 Α. No. 21 Do you run a food service worker for Case 0.

- 22 Western Reserve employees?
- 23 No. Α.
- 24 So the Case cafeteria is not a Sodexho
- 25 managed cafeteria?

- 1 **A.** No.
- 2 MR. FELDMAN: Where is the Case
- 3 cafeteria?
- 4 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 5 Q. Is there a Case Western cafeteria that is
- 6 basically on the other side of the wall of the
- 7 University Hospitals' cafeteria that Sodexho
- 8 manages?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 O. Is there a Case cafeteria in the next
- 11 building from the cafeteria that you manage?
- 12 A. I think there's one in the vicinity.
- 13 Q. You've never been there?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. I thought maybe there -- I'm sorry to take
- 16 a while -- thank you.
- 17 A. No, that's okay.
- 18 Q. Turning to things that you do know about,
- in the cafeteria area at University Hospitals,
- there are security cameras and you review the
- 21 tapes of them?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. One of them is Exhibit 2 and I showed you
- 24 that screen.
- 25 A. Right.

- 1 Q. Who maintains those tapes? Are those
- 2 Sodexho tapes, University Hospitals' police?
- 3 A. From my understanding, they're digital and
- 4 they are -- I think they're maintained by the
- 5 Protective Services, but I have access to the
- 6 ones that are involved with the cafeteria.
- 7 Q. And University Hospitals has Protective
- 8 Services, correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And the first time that anyone from your
- 11 company talked to Protective Services about this
- 12 incident was on January 30th?
- 13 A. From my understanding, yeah.
- 14 Q. And I take it your managers of Sodexho are
- trained to call security if there is a safety
- 16 concern in the cafeteria.
- 17 A. Yeah, if they feel -- yes.
- 18 Q. And no one as far as you know called
- 19 security on January 27th or January 29th?
- 20 A. Yeah, as far as I know.
- 21 Q. And it's true, is it not, that Sodexho has
- 22 a company commitment to workplace safety and
- 23 security?
- 24 A. I'm sure, yes.
- 25 Q. Sodexho prides itself on having a

- 1 harassment-free workplace, does it not?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. So when you heard from Heather or Andrew
- 4 Powel, the managers, that an incident had
- 5 happened two days earlier on January 27th, were
- 6 you concerned that neither Andrew nor anyone
- 7 else had brought it to your attention at an
- 8 earlier date?
- 9 A. Yeah. Yeah.
- 10 Q. And did you talk with Andrew or Heather
- 11 about why they didn't report it earlier?
- 12 A. No, I was too busy that day trying to
- handle the situation of what I thought needed to
- 14 be done.
- 15 Q. So you never talked to them about that
- 16 subject, about bringing it to your attention
- 17 earlier than two or three days later?
- 18 A. No. No.
- 19 Q. And ultimately you've been talking here
- 20 about talking to a Sue Peplowski. Can you spell
- 21 that?
- 22 A. P-e-p-l-o-w-s-k-i.
- 23 Q. And what is Ms. Peplowski's position?
- 24 A. She's with Human Resources.
- 25 Q. Of University or Sodexho?

- 1 A. Of University.
- 2 Q. And was it Ms. Peplowski's determination or
- yours that Mr. Harting should be asked not to
- 4 return to the cafeteria when you had the
- 5 conversation on January 30th?
- 6 A. I felt it was a -- hers was the final, but
- 7 it was a collaboration of both of us that --
- 8 Q. And on January 30th when you had this
- 9 discussion with Mr. Harting and asked him not to
- 10 come back --
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. -- he finished his meal and left, did he
- 13 not?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And he did not return during the remainder
- 16 of that work shift?
- 17 **A.** No.
- 18 Q. And when you finished your dealing with
- 19 this situation on January 30th, as far as you
- 20 were concerned it was done?
- 21 A. Yeah.
- 22 Q. It was not your decision to fire
- 23 Mr. Harting from his employment, was it?
- 24 A. I have no power for that.
- 25 Q. Where in relation to the University

- 1 Hospitals' cafeteria is the Neonatal Intensive
- 2 Care Unit?
- 3 A. I have no clue.
- 4 Q. Do you know where the construction workers
- 5 were working in January of 2009?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. You knew, did you not, that construction
- 8 workers were eating in the cafeteria?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. They were frequent customers?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. No signs were posted to tell construction
- 13 workers to eat elsewhere?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. And when, sir, you reviewed the tape of
- 16 January 27th, do you recall one incident where
- 17 Mr. Harting appears to be pointing?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And that's the incident that you're
- 20 referring to when you could see him gesturing?
- 21 A. Yes.
- MS. GRAGEL: I have nothing
- 23 further.
- MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any
- 25 further questions.

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1	MR. FELDMAN: Thank you very	
2	much.	
3	MR. CAMPBELL: Can we take a	
4	break?	
5	MR. FELDMAN: How many witnesses	
6	do you have?	
7	MR. CAMPBELL: I'm going to try to	
8	gather my troops together now. I know Sue is	
9	going to testify.	
10	MR. FELDMAN: We'll try to get	
11	your case in today.	
12	MR. CAMPBELL: Absolutely.	
13	MR. FELDMAN: We'll save another	
14	day for you.	
15	(Thereupon, a recess was taken.)	
16	HEATHER DOUGHERTY McDONNELL	
17	of lawful age, a witness herein, was examined	
18	and testified as follows:	
19	MR. FELDMAN: For the record,	
20	state your name.	
21	MS. McDONNELL: Heather Dougherty	
22	McDonnell. D-o-u-g-h-e-r-t-y. McDonnell is	
23	M-c-D-o-n-n-e-l-l.	
24	MR. FELDMAN: Do you understand	
25	you're under oath?	

1 MS. McDONNELL: Yes.

2 MR. FELDMAN: You may inquire.

- 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 4 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 5 Q. Heather, I just have a couple questions for
- 6 you, not a whole lot, just want to get you out.
- 7 I know you haven't had a lot of sleep.
- 8 Who is your employer?
- 9 A. Sodexho.
- 10 Q. And what is your title?
- 11 A. Retail manager.
- 12 Q. How long have you held that position?
- 13 A. I started in October of last year, so nine
- or ten months.
- 15 Q. And what shift do you work?
- 16 A. Typically I work eight -- 10:00 a.m. to
- 17 8:00 p.m.
- 18 Q. And you worked last night?
- 19 A. I did. I worked night shift.
- 20 Q. What time did you get off last night?
- 21 A. 3:00 a.m.
- 22 Q. Thank you for coming today.
- 23 A. Absolutely.
- 24 Q. Are you familiar with Ms. Hanson?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And is she a UH or Sodexho employee?
- 2 A. Tish is a University Hospitals employee.
- 3 **Q.** What is her position?
- 4 A. Well, she's a cashier in our cafeteria.
- 5 Q. What was her position in January or
- 6 February of 2009?
- 7 A. Same, cashier in the cafeteria.
- 8 Q. Are you familiar with her work performance?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 **o.** And how is it?
- 11 A. Tish, since I've worked there, she's great.
- 12 She's got the customer service skills, she's one
- of -- we have a small crew that works at night,
- 14 and she's one of the anchors that works with us.
- 15 It's kind of a hard shift to fill working until
- 16 2:30 in the morning; but she's got great
- 17 attendance, she gets along great with everybody
- and she's kind of one of the team leaders of the
- 19 group.
- 20 Q. Has she had any customer service issues
- 21 aside from the one we're here to talk about
- 22 today?
- 23 A. None that I'm aware of.
- 24 Q. How has her drawer been as to the end of
- 25 the shift, as to whether they're accurate or

- 1 not?
- 2 A. I don't really check her out very much
- 3 because I work -- but to my knowledge, there's
- 4 been no issues. I think I would know if there
- 5 were any chronic issues with any cashier, but
- 6 not to my knowledge.
- 7 Q. Now I want to direct your attention to
- 8 January 2009, and the witnesses before you have
- 9 put the three dates in question: January 27, a
- 10 Tuesday; January 29th, a Thursday; and January
- 11 30th, a Friday.
- 12 At that time, January 2009, what was your
- 13 shift then?
- 14 A. The 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Q. So you had a brief period of time where you
- overlapped with Ms. Hanson?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. Now, on the first night in question with --
- 19 let me show you the documents.
- 20 (Thereupon, Respondent's Exhibit 3
- 21 was marked for purposes of
- identification.)
- 23 **BY MR. CAMPBELL:**
- 24 Q. I'm showing you a two-page document. Have
- you seen those two pages before?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And what are they -- let me ask you this.
- 3 Did you participate in the creation of those
- 4 still photos?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And why did you do that? Why did you
- 7 create these?
- 8 A. Well, do you want me to start from the
- 9 27th?
- 10 **Q.** Yes.
- 11 A. Just kind of talk through --
- 12 Q. Tell us what happened.
- 13 A. Well, on the 27th, it was around 7:00, 7:15
- 14 I believe, I was in our office, so I was out of
- 15 the cafeteria area, and Andrew, our night
- 16 manager, had come back and asked me to -- asked
- 17 me if I would please come out to the dining room
- 18 because he was dealing with a customer who was
- 19 upset and he wanted kind of some extra support,
- 20 extra management support in the dining room. He
- 21 was going back out to talk with him. In case it
- 22 escalated any further, he wanted to have, you
- know, another manager out in the dining room to
- 24 help with whatever might need to happen.
- 25 Q. So you didn't hear anything that had

- 1 happened prior to Andrew coming to you?
- 2 A. No. I wasn't in the dining room.
- 3 Q. Tell us what happened once you went with
- 4 Andrew.
- 5 A. Well, Andrew went back out, and I just kind
- 6 of made myself -- I just went out in the dining
- 7 room. I didn't walk out directly with Andrew
- 8 and have a conversation, but I was kind of in
- 9 the area. And what was in question was whether
- 10 or not Tish had given the correct change to -- I
- 11 don't know his name.
- 12 **Q.** You're turning to Mr. Harting?
- 13 A. Yes, Mr. Harting.
- And so Andrew had followed up, checked the
- 15 tape and went back and wanted to explain to him
- 16 that it appeared in the camera that Tish had
- 17 handed him the correct change, and that at this
- 18 point there's not much more we could do.
- 19 At the end of the night if Tish's draw was
- 20 over for any reason, then Andrew, they could
- 21 follow back up basically.
- 22 Q. What was Mr. Harting's reaction?
- 23 A. Well, again, I wasn't there so I'm kind of
- 24 generalizing what I --
- 25 MR. FELDMAN: Just testify as to

- 1 what you know, not what you heard or surmised.
- 2 MS. McDONNELL: Okay.
- I heard him say that she was
- 4 stealing -- she stole his money and, you know,
- 5 that he wanted his money back. I wasn't really
- 6 part of that conversation, but I did hear that.
- 7 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 8 Q. Did you talk to Tish that evening before
- 9 you left at 8:00?
- 10 A. No, I did not. She was busy at the time.
- 11 Q. So you left at your normal time at 8:00?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And that would have been January 27th?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And now when you came out of the office
- 16 area into the cafeteria public area, Tish was
- 17 not in the vicinity of Mr. Harting at that time?
- 18 By the time Andrew asked you to come out, Tish
- 19 was not standing there with him?
- 20 A. Tish was ringing on the register.
- 21 Q. And all I'm saying is Andrew and
- 22 Mr. Harting were away from the register?
- 23 A. Correct. They were in the table area in
- 24 the dining room.
- 25 Q. In the dining room outside of the actual

- 1 cafeteria where you purchase the food?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Now, had Andrew asked you to come out?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Was Andrew upset?
- 6 A. He wasn't upset. I think he seemed a
- 7 little nervous and wanted to have -- you know,
- 8 wanted somebody else out there, another manager
- 9 out there.
- 10 Q. You left on the 27th. When is the next
- 11 time something came up as to Mr. Harting? If
- 12 you go home at 8:00 on the 27th, what's your
- 13 recollection as to the next incident or next
- 14 piece of --
- 15 A. Well, it was on Thursday, the 29th. Again,
- 16 I'll tell you what I know. I was in the back
- office, I was not in the cafeteria area, and
- 18 Tish came back. The door was open, Tish came
- 19 back into the kitchen, and she was crying, she
- 20 was very upset, and so I just pulled her into
- 21 the office and asked her to explain to me -- I
- 22 didn't know what had happened. She was very,
- 23 very upset.
- 24 **Q.** What did she explain to you?
- 25 A. She explained to me that he had just gone

- 1 through her line.
- 2 **Q.** Who is "he"?
- 3 A. I'm sorry.
- 4 Q. Mr. Harting?
- 5 A. Mr. Harting. I'm sorry. He had just been
- 6 through her line, and she said Andrew had had an
- 7 exchange with him and he used a meal ticket, and
- 8 she was very upset. She thought that it had
- 9 been handled. She thought it was handled two
- 10 nights prior, and that he was back through. And
- 11 then she told me that -- then she told me that,
- 12 you know, she was upset because two nights ago
- 13 he was swearing at her, calling her a thief, and
- 14 she didn't understand why he was back.
- 15 Q. Did she discuss any racial comments?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Tell us about that.
- 18 A. She said that he called her a thieving "N"
- 19 word.
- 20 Q. You can say it. We understand you wouldn't
- 21 normally use it, but you can say it.
- 22 A. A "thieving nigger"; and that he had used
- the "F" word, she was an "f-ing thief."
- 24 Q. Let me show you what's been marked as
- 25 Respondent's 2. You can take a look at that and

- 1 verify what it is. Do you recognize that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What is that?
- 4 A. Tish wrote this. I asked Tish to write --
- 5 we asked Tish to write this.
- 6 Q. Why would you ask her to write something
- 7 like that?
- 8 A. It's just standard. It's what we do. If
- 9 there's ever any kind of incident or something
- 10 that happens, we always ask our employees,
- 11 anyone involved to write down their recollection
- obviously while it's fresh in their mind.
- 13 Q. So you're following your company procedure?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did you tell her what to write down?
- 16 **A.** No.
- 17 **O.** Did she write it down herself?
- 18 A. She did.
- 19 Q. That's her handwriting?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Did she go off by herself to write it or
- 22 how did it take place?
- 23 A. I believe she did. I think she sat in our
- 24 office and wrote it down so she wouldn't be
- 25 distracted.

- 1 Q. What did you do next? After she wrote this
- down at your request, what did you do next?
- 3 A. Well, you know, Andrew was kind of pulled
- 4 in at that point because we were both managers
- on duty at that time. And, again, it was in the
- 6 evening when it was happening and I was getting
- 7 ready to leave; and the next day I contacted Sue
- 8 immediately.
- 9 MR. FELDMAN: You contacted who?
- 10 MS. McDONNELL: Sue Peplowski.
- 11 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 12 **o.** Sue here?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. She's our company representative sitting
- 15 next to me?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Why did you contact Sue?
- 18 A. She's HR, so all of a sudden it escalated
- 19 into a heightened issue and I know that Sue
- 20 needed to know. It's just protocol.
- 21 Q. Why did you consider it a heightened issue?
- 22 A. Well, because I had just learned that
- 23 Mr. Harting was abusive -- using abusive
- language towards one of our employees that I
- 25 didn't know until Thursday, until the 29th. I

- 1 didn't know that had happened.
- 2 Q. The Respondent's Exhibit 3, the two photos,
- 3 why were those created?
- 4 A. Well, I think, one, we needed -- we wanted
- 5 to identify who he was and move forward. We
- 6 weren't quite sure if he was working with
- 7 construction, we weren't certain; and, two, we
- 8 wanted obviously to identify who this was so we
- 9 could address it.
- 10 Q. How were they created? Who actually did it
- 11 for you?
- 12 A. Well, we have a computer system. I think
- 13 Dave was in the office with me, Dave Hawk, the
- 14 other manager, and a gentleman from Protective
- 15 Service came up to teach us how to pull it up
- 16 and freeze frame it and put it in a picture.
- 17 Q. So the freeze frames were made in order to
- 18 help identify the person?
- 19 **A.** Yes.
- 20 Q. Who did you send them to?
- 21 A. Sue Peplowski.
- 22 Q. Were you involved after that? After
- 23 handing it off to Sue, was that the end of your
- involvement, or what happened, if anything?
- 25 A. Well, I think Sue and I talked. I told her

- 1 what I knew, and she asked me to get statements,
- which I did, and I got them to Sue. So just,
- 3 you know, as far as reaching out to Andrew and
- 4 John Rivera and asking them to get statements
- 5 and collecting that for Sue, I don't recall
- 6 anything too much further than having that
- 7 discussion on -- I'm sorry. I'm sorry. We did
- 8 talk that we didn't want to have Mr. Harting
- 9 back into the cafeteria.
- 10 **o.** Who is "we"?
- 11 A. Sue, Dan Ballard, our operations manager,
- 12 was involved with conversations with that, the
- management team, you know. We're a team, so we
- 14 were talking about what happened and all
- 15 concerned.
- 16 Q. Did you agree with the conclusion that
- 17 Mr. Harting should not be permitted to return?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any
- 20 further questions at this time.
- 21 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 23 Q. Ms. Dougherty McDonnell, I'm Susan Gragel
- 24 and I represent Local 310.
- 25 A. Hi.

- 1 Q. On January 27th, 2009 when you were in the
- 2 seating area of the cafeteria, would that be
- 3 fair?
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. You went there at Andrew's request. How
- 6 far away were you from the place in the
- 7 cafeteria that Andrew was talking with
- 8 Mr. Harting?
- 9 A. I think eventually the closest that I was
- was probably like at the corner of this table
- 11 to, in relation to maybe where you're sitting.
- 12 MS. GRAGEL: It looks to be,
- 13 Mr. Campbell, about 15 feet?
- 14 MR. CAMPBELL: That's fine.
- 15 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 16 Q. Does that sound about right to you, 15
- 17 feet?
- 18 A. I would say so.
- 19 MR. FELDMAN: The witness doesn't
- 20 know, so continue on.
- 21 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 22 Q. Was Mr. Harting seated at a cafeteria table
- 23 at that time?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Was he seated with others?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Do you know how many others were seated
- 3 with him?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 O. And you were not able to overhear
- 6 everything that was said between Andrew and
- 7 Mr. Harting?
- 8 A. No. I think their conversation had started
- 9 before I even got up there.
- 10 Q. There was nothing about that conversation
- 11 that caused you to initiate the report writing
- 12 phase of the process, true?
- 13 A. True.
- 14 Q. So whatever happened on January 27th didn't
- 15 cause you any concern as a manager?
- MR. CAMPBELL: Whatever happened
- 17 that she saw?
- 18 MS. McDONNELL: Well, he was
- 19 clearly upset. Andrew was handling it, our
- 20 manager, and I knew there was going to be a
- 21 follow-up. Andrew had said that he would follow
- 22 up with him after the end of the night.
- 23 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 24 Q. And did you as a fellow manager counsel
- 25 Andrew to write up something that day?

- 1 **A.** No.
- 2 Q. Did you as a fellow manager counsel Andrew
- 3 to have Ms. Hanson write up something on that
- 4 day?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Did you recognize Mr. Harting as a patron
- 7 of the cafeteria when you saw him on January
- 8 27th even though you might not have known his
- 9 name?
- 10 A. You mean had I seen him before?
- 11 **Q.** Yes.
- 12 A. No, I didn't recognize him.
- 13 Q. When you are working on the 10 to 8 -- 10
- 14 to 8 is your normal shift?
- 15 **A.** Uh-huh.
- 16 Q. Do you work that five days a week, four
- 17 days a week?
- 18 A. Five days a week.
- 19 Q. When you work that shift, do you spend most
- of your workday out on the floor where food
- 21 service is being done for the customers, or do
- 22 you spend most of your shift working in the back
- 23 area of the office?
- 24 A. Mostly in the dining room.
- 25 Q. So from the work that you do in the dining

- 1 room, did you know at that time that
- 2 construction workers were eating in the
- 3 cafeteria?
- 4 A. It had not -- I had not noticed any, no. I
- 5 didn't take any special note to that.
- 6 Q. Did you know from your work as a manager
- 7 that University Hospital employees wear badges?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did you know that construction workers wear
- 10 badges?
- 11 A. I'm sure I did. I don't know that I really
- 12 ever thought about it.
- 13 Q. Do you know whether the badges are the same
- 14 for University Hospitals and construction
- 15 workers or different?
- 16 A. I don't know for a fact, but I would guess
- 17 that they were different.
- 18 O. And during the several months before
- 19 January 27th, 29th of 2009 that you worked
- there, did you see individuals wearing badges
- that identify them as something other than
- 22 University Hospital employees?
- 23 A. I don't recall specifically seeing that,
- 24 no.
- 25 Q. And are you able to describe here for us

- 1 where in relation to the cafeteria the Neonatal
- 2 Intensive Care Unit that is under construction
- 3 is located?
- 4 A. From inside the building, can I get to the
- 5 neonatal?
- 6 **Q.** Yes.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. And is it a far walk or a close walk?
- 9 A. It's -- you walk out the cafeteria to a
- 10 hallway and you kind of shimmy over a little
- 11 bit. It's not too far. It's up the Charlie
- 12 Brown elevators, I think.
- 13 Q. Is it close to McDonald Hospital?
- 14 A. It's in Rainbow Hospitals, so --
- 15 Q. Did you at any time look at the cash
- 16 register camera that was over Tish Hanson's cash
- 17 register on January 27th?
- 18 A. We looked at a lot of footage. I'm sure
- 19 that we did.
- 20 Q. Did you at any time hear any audio
- recordings of any encounter between Ms. Hanson
- and Mr. Harting?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Was there any device in the vicinity of the
- 25 cash register that maintained audio recordings?

- 1 **A.** No.
- 2 Q. Did you work at the University Hospitals
- 3 cafeteria on Wednesday, January 28th?
- 4 A. I did.
- 5 Q. And did you have any -- I take it you were
- 6 to see Ms. Hanson on that day?
- 7 A. Sure, yes.
- 8 Q. And did she, on the day after the incident
- 9 with Mr. Harting and Ms. Hanson, seem fine to
- 10 you?
- 11 A. Nothing stands out.
- 12 O. And the first time that Ms. Hanson appeared
- upset to you was on January 29th, correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. And that's when she became concerned
- 16 because Andrew had given a coupon or voucher to
- 17 Mr. Harting?
- 18 A. That he was back in the cafeteria, yes.
- 19 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Harting was in the
- 20 cafeteria on January 28th?
- 21 A. If he was, I didn't see him.
- 22 MS. GRAGEL: I have nothing
- 23 further. Thank you.
- 24 MR. FELDMAN: I have a few
- 25 questions for you.

239 1 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any 2 questions. 3 MR. FELDMAN: You have a security 4 system at the hospital, don't you? 5 MS. McDONNELL: We do. 6 Was there anything MR. FELDMAN: 7 that occurred on January 27th, 28th, 29th that 8 would have caused you to call them? 9 MR. CAMPBELL: That she was aware 10 of? 11 MR. FELDMAN: That she was aware 12 of. That caused you to call them. 13 MS. McDONNELL: We did call on --14 to me, no, because I was -- when most of the 15 light was shed on this was the 29th. I was with 16 Tish in the back room. She had removed herself. 17 She was so upset she removed herself from the 18 situation, and I was kind of talking with Tish, 19 so I didn't feel at that point that we needed to 20 do that. 2.1 MR. FELDMAN: Was there any situation on January 27th, 28th, 29th --22 23 MS. McDONNELL: No. 24 Thank you. Thank MR. FELDMAN: 25 you very much for your testimony.

240 1 Next witness. 2 SUSAN PEPLOWSKI 3 of lawful age, a witness herein, was examined 4 and testified as follows: 5 MR. FELDMAN: For the record, 6 state your name. 7 MS. PEPLOWSKI: Susan Peplowski. 8 MR. FELDMAN: S-u --9 MS. PEPLOWSKI: -- s-a-n. 10 P-e-p-l-o-w-s-k-i. 11 MR. FELDMAN: Somebody spells it 12 with an "F" in it. 13 MS. PEPLOWSKI: I get it spelled 14 wrong all the time. 15 MR. FELDMAN: Do you understand, 16 ma'am, that you're under oath? 17 MS. PEPLOWSKI: Yes. 18 You may inquire. MR. FELDMAN: 19 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you. 20 DIRECT EXAMINATION 21 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 22 Sue, could you tell us who your employer Q. 23 is? 24 University Hospitals. Α. 25 How long have you been employed by Q.

- 1 University Hospitals?
- 2 A. A little over four years.
- 3 Q. And what is your current position?
- 4 A. I'm a human resources manager.
- 5 Q. And how long have you held that position?
- 6 A. I was originally hired in as a human
- 7 resources generalist and I was promoted to
- 8 manager a year ago January.
- 9 Q. So January 2008?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Briefly describe what an HR manager does.
- 12 A. I support the operational areas of the
- 13 hospital, 16 departments, and I work with them
- on everything. I'm considered their human
- resources lead, so it could be employee
- 16 relations issues, succession planning, anything
- 17 along those lines.
- 18 Q. Okay. Is the cafeteria at the main campus,
- 19 is that under your HR duties?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And so you heard Ms. Hanson here, you saw
- 22 Ms. Hanson and heard her testify, is she one of
- the employees that you're ultimately responsible
- 24 for as an HR function?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Where is your office located?
- 2 A. My office is in the MCCO Services Building.
- 3 It is on the site of campus that's closest to
- 4 the rapid track.
- 5 Q. When you say "campus," it's down on Euclid
- 6 Avenue, main campus?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Now, just so we fully understand the
- 9 cafeteria. The cafeteria sort of connects a
- whole bunch of different buildings, right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And people walking either directly to the
- cafeteria or just to get from building to
- 14 building, they walk through that area?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. High traffic?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Lots of employees, visitors, all types of
- 19 people in there?
- 20 A. Yes, lots of children, families, patients,
- 21 visitors.
- 22 Q. And Children's Hospital there at UH, what's
- 23 the name of it?
- 24 A. Rainbow Babies & Children's.
- 25 Q. You can walk through Rainbow and it's a

- short walk to get to the cafeteria?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And NICU is part of Rainbow?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And that construction is going on right
- 6 there at Rainbow connected to the cafeteria?
- 7 A. Yes. It's completed now.
- 8 Q. I want to ask you about some of the
- 9 policies and procedures. We've been talking
- 10 about UH's policies and procedures.
- 11 Are you generally familiar with UH's
- 12 policies and procedures?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And part of your responsibility is for you
- 15 to identify that your management employees are
- 16 complying with those policies, right?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. You investigate issues?
- 19 **A.** Uh-huh.
- 20 Q. Just say "yes."
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And you make determinations as to whether
- violations of policies have been -- I guess
- 24 employee or outside individuals have violated
- 25 those policies.

- 1 A. Yes, I work with the management team when
- 2 the issues come up and work with the employees
- 3 to make sure things are managed appropriately.
- 4 Q. I want to direct your attention to some of
- 5 the policies.
- 6 (Thereupon, Respondent's Exhibit 4
- 7 was marked for purposes of
- 8 identification.)
- 9 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 10 Q. I'm handing you what's been marked as
- 11 Respondent's 4, and ask you to tell me what is
- 12 that policy?
- 13 A. It's the Anti-Harassment and
- 14 Non-Discrimination policy. It talks about
- 15 making sure that we act appropriately at work,
- 16 that we don't say anything racial or
- inappropriate comments to other individuals,
- don't treat them the wrong way.
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, I want to look at number 3
- 20 under policy on page 1. See there that it
- 21 states, "Actions, words, jokes or comments," and
- 22 it goes through all those categories, "will not
- 23 be tolerated."
- 24 A. That's correct.
- 25 Q. And what is UH's human resources

- department's view as to use of racial slurs by
- 2 employees and visitors on campus?
- 3 A. It's absolutely inappropriate; and under
- 4 the corrective action policy it's a reason for
- 5 discharge.
- 6 MR. FELDMAN: It's what? I'm
- 7 sorry.
- 8 MS. PEPLOWSKI: A reason for
- 9 discharge.
- 10 MR. FELDMAN: You sort of faded
- 11 off.
- MS. PEPLOWKSI: Sorry.
- 13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 14 Q. So if an employee of UH were to be found to
- use the term "nigger," would they be subject to
- 16 discharge?
- 17 A. Absolutely.
- 18 **Q.** Is there a written warning before
- discharge, or is that grounds for immediate
- 20 termination?
- 21 A. That's grounds for immediate termination.
- 22 Q. Is it any different for visitors on campus?
- MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- 24 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 25 Q. Any difference as to the zero tolerance

- 1 policy for visitors on campus?
- 2 MR. FELDMAN: If you know.
- 3 What's your objection?
- 4 MS. GRAGEL: Just that, that
- 5 there's no --
- 6 MR. FELDMAN: What, if she
- 7 doesn't know? You'll get a chance to test her
- 8 by way of cross-examination.
- 9 MS. GRAGEL: That, and the
- 10 question as I heard it was a compound question,
- 11 visitors and employees.
- 12 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 13 Q. I'll rephrase it.
- 14 Is that zero tolerance policy also
- 15 applicable to visitors on campus?
- 16 A. That is a zero tolerance policy regardless.
- 17 Q. And you've heard us talk about PLA. Let's
- 18 look at the key point under HR-20, the very
- 19 first bullet point there. Does by its terms
- 20 HR-20 apply to non-employees?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And have you applied HR-20 consistently as
- to UH's zero tolerance for racial comments?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Has there ever been a time where an

- 1 employee, based on your investigation, has used
- the term "nigger" but has not been discharged?
- 3 A. I have not had a time when someone used
- 4 that word. I have had other racial slurs that
- 5 the person was terminated, but not specifically
- 6 that word.
- 7 Q. Would you expect that if somebody used that
- 8 word they would be discharged?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Without any written warnings before
- 11 discharge?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 MS. GRAGEL: Objection. That's
- 14 a matter for the arbitrator.
- 15 MR. CAMPBELL: I think UH's
- 16 policies are for UH, not for the arbitrator.
- 17 We're here to talk about our policies and the
- 18 way we apply our policies.
- 19 MR. FELDMAN: The objection is
- 20 overruled. The answer stands. Next question.
- 21 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 22 Q. Now I want to now move on to another of the
- 23 UH policies.
- 24 (Thereupon, Respondent's Exhibit 5
- 25 was marked for purposes of

identification.)

- 2 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 3 O. I've handed you what's been marked as
- 4 Respondent's Exhibit 5. Can you tell us what
- 5 that document is?
- 6 A. Workplace Violence.
- 7 Q. Is that a UH policy?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And what types of conduct does this policy
- 10 prohibit?
- 11 A. Intimidation, threats, physical attacks,
- 12 violence, property damage, weapons.
- 13 Q. Let's look again at key points on page 1,
- 14 the first bullet point. Is this policy by its
- terms applicable to non-employees?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Is there a tolerance for threats or
- 18 intimidation at UH?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. So this is, again, a zero tolerance policy?
- 21 A. Uh-huh.
- 22 Q. You have to answer "yes."
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Has there been a time when you have found
- 25 based on your investigation that an individual

- 1 has intimidated or threatened another individual
- 2 that you have not recommended discharge?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 MR. CAMPBELL: Let me mark one
- 5 more.
- 6 (Thereupon, Respondent's Exhibit 6
- 7 was marked for purposes of
- 8 identification.)
- 9 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 10 Q. The PLA also refers to UH's Code of Conduct
- in paragraph 7 of the PLA.
- Do you recognize this document that's been
- marked as Respondent's 6?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. And what is it?
- 16 A. It's a Code of Conduct.
- 17 O. And are all of the documents that I've
- 18 shown to you, Exhibits HR-20, HR-43 and Code of
- 19 Conduct, are all of those published policies
- 20 that UH enforces?
- 21 A. They're actually published on the Intranet.
- 22 Q. Tell us about that.
- 23 A. The hospital, in order to be cognizant of
- too much paper usage because policies change
- 25 frequently, we have a Intranet where employees

- 1 can go and look up policies.
- 2 Q. Do your duties and responsibilities as HR
- 3 manager include enforcement of these three
- 4 policies?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And are these policies true and correct
- 7 copies of the policies that were in effect in
- 8 January of 2009 when this incident took place?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Now, tell us about how you learned of the
- 11 issues with Mr. Harting.
- 12 A. I received a call from Heather Dougherty I
- believe it was first, on the 30th letting me
- 14 know that a situation had happened, that she had
- 15 not been aware of the seriousness of the
- 16 situation when it happened, but that she was
- 17 quite concerned because of information that
- 18 Lattisia had shared with her in regards to the
- 19 situation that happened.
- 20 Q. And Heather, we heard her testify today?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Is it unusual for a Sodexho manager to
- 23 contact you for a UH issue?
- 24 A. No, absolutely not. I work very closely
- 25 with them.

- 1 Q. Tell us, with Sodexho actually managing UH
- 2 employees, what is your relationship to the
- 3 cafeteria at UH on the main campus?
- 4 A. I work very closely with the management
- 5 staff in the cafeteria and the employees. I'm
- 6 there to make sure that we hold people
- 7 accountable to policy, and that the management
- 8 staff reacts appropriately when a situation
- 9 happens.
- 10 O. And we heard Heather talk about written
- 11 statements. Was that at your direction?
- 12 A. Absolutely.
- 13 Q. And did Heather follow your policies and
- 14 procedures in this case?
- 15 A. Yes. Yes. As soon as she found out about
- 16 the situation, she contacted me, and she already
- 17 had a written statement.
- 18 Q. Based on your review of that statement, did
- 19 you get other statements as well?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What did you conclude that Mr. Harting --
- what policies did Mr. Harting violate?
- 23 A. Well, there's the Professional Behavior
- 24 Policy, HR-63, and also these two policies that
- you've given me, Workplace Violence and

- 1 Anti-Harassment.
- 2 Q. And HR-63 is what policy?
- 3 A. Professional Behavior.
- 4 Q. And describe that policy.
- 5 A. It talks about how you're expected to
- 6 behave in the workplace, that you shouldn't be
- 7 threatening, shouting, that you're always
- 8 expected to act in a professional manner.
- 9 O. Now I want to turn to in the Code of
- 10 Conduct page 14 and just refer you to some of
- 11 the paragraphs there.
- 12 First of all, "Diversity and Equal
- 13 Employment Opportunity."
- What's UH's position as to diversity and
- 15 Equal Employment Opportunity?
- 16 A. Well, we try to be a leader in that area.
- 17 We really try to embrace diversity because we
- 18 have a lot of diverse patients and family
- members coming in, so we need to be respectful
- 20 of different cultures and different heritages so
- 21 no one is offended.
- 22 Q. Is it a core value at UH?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Now, Sue, if you go down further on page 14
- 25 under "Harassment and Workplace Violence," I

- 1 want to refer you to the arrows underneath the
- 2 paragraph, "Each of us has the right to work in
- 3 an environment free of harassment, intimidation
- 4 and workplace violence."
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. And there if we look at this, we first of
- 7 all prohibit degrading or humiliating jokes,
- 8 disparaging language, slurs, intimidation or
- 9 other harassing conduct, do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Is the use of the term "nigger" towards an
- 12 employee of UH a violation?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Is it a violation of HR-20?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Is it zero tolerance for such conduct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. If an employee partook in the conduct that
- 19 you understood that Mr. Harting partook in,
- would he be subject to discharge?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Look further down, page 14 and go to the
- fifth arrow on the second column, "Workplace
- 24 violence, including physical assaults, threat of
- violence, stalking, robbery and other crimes,

- 1 violence directed at the employer, terrorism and
- 2 hate crimes."
- When we see "threat of violence," did you
- 4 find that there was a violation of the workplace
- 5 violence policy here?
- 6 A. I thought it was threatening -- from the
- 7 way the situation was described to me, it was a
- 8 threatening situation, so I would feel, yes.
- 9 Q. Again, if an employee of UH partook in such
- 10 conduct and intimidated others, would they be
- 11 subject to discharge?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Are there warnings beforehand, or is this
- 14 immediate, zero tolerance?
- 15 A. It's a zero tolerance.
- 16 Q. So based on your knowledge as an HR
- 17 manager, is it your conclusion that Mr. Harting
- 18 violated UH's policies and procedures, including
- 19 but not limited to the Code of Conduct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And I want to refer you to Joint Exhibit 1,
- the PLA, and ask you to turn to page 3,
- paragraph 7. Are you on page 3, paragraph 7?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. It states that the unions are going to

- 1 cooperate and the covered projects will be
- 2 completed in accordance with UH's policies and
- 3 procedures as may be amended from time to time
- 4 in UH's Code of Conduct.
- 5 Did Mr. Harting violate UH's policies,
- 6 procedures and Code of Conduct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Was Mr. Harting treated any differently
- 9 than anybody -- any other employee or visitor to
- 10 UH who would have partook in the same conduct?
- 11 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.
- 12 Q. You heard Ms. Hanson testify here today?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. Have your conclusion as to his violations
- of the policy, procedures and Code of Conduct
- 16 changed in any way based on her testimony?
- 17 **A.** No.
- 18 O. And did she describe conduct that violated
- 19 the policies, procedures and Code of Conduct of
- 20 UH?
- 21 A. Yes, in a written statement.
- 22 Q. Did she describe that here today in her
- 23 verbal testimony?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Now, you saw the photos that Heather

- 1 reviewed. What were the photos used for?
- 2 A. Well, I asked Heather -- when she called me
- 3 about the situation, I asked Heather to see if
- 4 there was tape on the incident so that --
- 5 because she wasn't sure when she talked to me
- 6 who the gentleman was. So I asked her to see if
- 7 she could get photos on the incident so I could
- 8 send them to our director of new construction,
- 9 Tom Goins, to see if he could identify if the
- 10 male was a construction worker or a visitor.
- 11 Q. Was Mr. Goins able to identify Mr. Harting?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you give a recommendation to the
- 14 construction department as to Mr. Harting's
- 15 continued involvement with UH?
- 16 A. No, I did not. I had a conversation with
- 17 them, I collected statements and sent them to
- 18 them; and I did let them know that this kind of
- 19 action in the University Hospitals employ would
- 20 not be tolerated.
- 21 Q. And then the construction department at UH
- 22 made the determination as to Mr. Harting's
- 23 continued involvement with UH?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any

- 1 further questions. Sue may have some questions
- 2 for you.
- 3 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 4 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 5 Q. You've talked here today, Ms. Peplowski,
- 6 about HR-20, HR-40, HR-63. How many HR rules
- 7 are there?
- 8 A. There are several. I would say probably 30
- 9 or more.
- 10 Q. Well, if they're numbered at least up to
- 11 HR-63, does that mean there's at least 63 of
- them, or are there gaps in the numbers?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Yes, there are gaps?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. But there's a lot?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. As you sit here today, do you know how, if
- 19 at all, Mr. Harting received copies of those HR
- 20 rules and policies?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- 22 Q. You talked about the Intranet. That's
- 23 different than the Internet, right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. It's spelled different?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. The UH Intranet site in order to get access
- 3 to policies requires the individual to log in
- 4 with a password and identification number,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Does an outsider like me sitting here with
- 8 a laptop, can I get on the Intranet?
- 9 A. If you are on hospital property, yes, you
- 10 can get on the Intranet.
- 11 Q. Mr. Harting from his home would not be able
- 12 to access the Intranet, correct?
- 13 A. I don't believe so, no. I'm not an IT
- 14 expert.
- 15 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Harting, as a
- 16 construction worker assigned to this site, was
- 17 given access to the Intranet at any time during
- 18 his orientation process?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 Q. You know he did not work for University
- 21 Hospitals, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. You know he was not under an independent
- 24 contractor agreement with University Hospitals?
- 25 A. I don't know.

- 1 Q. Do you know what an independent contractor
- 2 agreement is from your work as an HR person?
- 3 A. Not from my work as an HR person.
- 4 Q. Do you know what an independent contractor
- 5 agreement is?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. What is it?
- 8 A. It's an agreement where a person comes in
- 9 and works for the hospital but is not employed
- 10 directly by the hospital.
- 11 Q. And is that defined in the HR policies of
- 12 University Hospitals?
- 13 A. It's possible.
- 14 Q. Do you know where in the policies it is
- 15 defined?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. You have been asked during the course of
- 18 your testimony this afternoon about Respondent's
- 19 Exhibit 4, which is HR policy 20. Do you have
- 20 it handy?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. In the key points section, does it refer to
- 23 visitors?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Does it refer to patients?

- 1 **A.** No.
- 2 Q. And you referenced contractors. Is that a
- 3 reference to the independent contractors that we
- 4 just discussed or don't you know?
- 5 A. I would imagine that it is, but I'm not
- 6 going to say positively.
- 7 O. Did you look up the definition of
- 8 contractors when you made a recommendation to
- 9 your superiors as to the way the Mike Harting
- incident should be handled?
- 11 A. I did not make a recommendation to them. I
- informed them of how the situation would have
- been handled had it been an employee.
- 14 Q. And at the time you gave that information,
- 15 you did that knowing that Mr. Harting was not a
- 16 University Hospitals employee?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. Did you at the time that you made your
- 19 review of the situation look at the Project
- 20 Labor Agreement?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Did you look at the work rules of Gilbane
- that are attached to the Project Labor
- 24 Agreement?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Have you at any time prior to today looked
- 2 at the Project Labor Agreement and all of its
- 3 attachments?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Was it of significance to you to know what
- 6 the Project Labor Agreement and Gilbane Safety
- 7 Plan provided as you were reporting on this
- 8 incident to your superiors?
- 9 A. No. I was concerned with my employee and
- 10 the way she had been treated.
- 11 Q. And as you looked into that concern of your
- 12 employee, was it important for you to get a true
- 13 sense of the facts?
- 14 A. I had that from a written statement from
- 15 her.
- 16 Q. Would it have been important for you to
- 17 talk directly with her?
- 18 A. I didn't feel it was necessary, no. I felt
- 19 that her statement was very clear and had
- 20 pertinent information in it.
- 21 O. So did you talk to her immediate
- 22 supervisor, Andrew Powel?
- 23 A. I talked to Andrew briefly and I also
- 24 talked to Heather.
- 25 Q. Did you talk in person to anyone else

- 1 before you forwarded this packet of information
- 2 to your supervisors?
- 3 A. I had spoken -- before I forwarded what
- 4 packet of information?
- 5 Q. The details as to what happened and how
- 6 Mr. Harting would be treated if he had been a UH
- 7 employee. You gave that to somebody, right?
- 8 A. I spoke with Mr. Goins in regards to the
- 9 situation, I sent him pictures so we could
- 10 determine who it was. And I also spoke to
- 11 Mr. Ballard, who is the direct manager over the
- 12 retail services area.
- 13 Q. You did not talk to anybody from Gilbane?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. You didn't talk to anybody from Ozanne?
- 16 **A.** No.
- 17 Q. You didn't talk to anybody from Laborers
- 18 Local 310?
- 19 **A.** No.
- 20 Q. You didn't talk to anybody from Rivera
- 21 Construction?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. You don't know anybody from Rivera
- 24 Construction?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. You were asked some questions about
- 2 Respondent's Exhibit 6, the Code of Conduct. Do
- 3 you have that handy?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Page 14, please. The bottom paragraph,
- 6 Ms. Peplowski, on page 14 reads, "If you have
- 7 concerns that you or a fellow employee may be a
- 8 potential target of physical violence by a third
- 9 party," then it goes on to say, "or concerns
- 10 that a patient or visitor may act violently, you
- 11 must report these concerns to your supervisor or
- 12 to Protective Services." Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. After you learned through the receipt of
- 15 the written report and your communications with
- 16 Heather on January 29th, did you counsel Andrew
- 17 Powel about his failure to make any report to
- 18 human resources or supervisors on January 27th?
- 19 A. I actually spoke to his supervisor, Dan
- 20 Ballard, and let him know that I was not pleased
- 21 with the way he had handled the situation; and I
- 22 asked Dan to counsel him since he was a Sodexho
- 23 employee and an employee of Dan.
- 24 Q. And you did that because you recognized
- 25 that no one on January 27th had come forward to

264 1 anybody about anything, correct? 2 Α. Correct. 3 Thank you. Nothing MS. GRAGEL: 4 further. 5 I just have a MR. FELDMAN: 6 question or two. 7 Are all of the procedures that you've 8 caused to be placed in the record, which are in 9 your lap, was it your thought that these apply 10 to an employee as the grievant is here without 11 having had the opportunity of giving him the 12 published procedures? 13 MS. PEPLOWSKI: I can only speak 14 about employees. All employees are directed that they need to review policies and procedures 15 16 that are on the Intranet. 17 MR. FELDMAN: Ma'am, in order for 18 a rule to be broken, a person has to know about 19 the rule. Rules have to be published, they have 20 to be reasonable and they have to be 21 evenhandedly applied. And in this particular 22 case, what opportunity did the grievant have of 23 viewing all of these rules? 24 My thought is it's MS. PEPLOWSKI:

common sense that you act professionally when

- 1 you're in a professional business.
- 2 MR. FELDMAN: Now you're talking
- 3 common sense, but a moment ago you were talking
- 4 about a written rule.
- 5 What opportunity did the grievant
- 6 have in reviewing the rules of the workplace in
- 7 written form as you've published them here?
- MS. PEPLOWSKI: He wasn't a person
- 9 that I would work with. I would think that is
- 10 up to the construction company to provide you
- 11 with that information.
- MR. FELDMAN: Well, the only
- point I make is that the employer -- or the
- 14 hospital is complaining about conduct contrary
- 15 to rule when the individual wasn't given the
- 16 opportunity to review the rules prior to the
- 17 discipline being meted out.
- 18 MS. PEPLOWSKI: I don't know that
- 19 he wasn't given the opportunity because I didn't
- 20 deal with him. I don't know what opportunity he
- 21 was given.
- MR. FELDMAN: Let me approach it
- 23 a different way. Maybe I'm not making myself
- 24 clear.
- 25 You expected the employer

266 1 construction workers to be cognizant of your 2 rules, written rules; is that a fair statement? 3 MS. PEPLOWSKI: Yes. 4 How do they get MR. FELDMAN: 5 knowledgeable? 6 Through their MS. PEPLOWSKI: 7 contact with Gilbane and through that process 8 when they're hired into the property. 9 They're given MR. FELDMAN: 10 copies of these? 11 MS. PEPLOWSKI: I don't know if 12 they're given copies of those, but I know 13 that -- I have been told that they have 14 conversations as to the expectation of 15 professional behavior. 16 MR. FELDMAN: But you have no 17 personal knowledge whether or not they --18 MS. PEPLOWSKI: No, I don't. 19 MR. FELDMAN: Would it be a 20 surprise to you if you couldn't produce any 21 evidence to show publication to the employee? 22 MS. PEPLOWSKI: I really don't -- I 23 can't say. I don't know one way or another 24 because they are on the Intranet, and anyone on 25 the property has access to them, so I don't know

- 1 what kind of access he would have had.
- 2 MR. FELDMAN: Thank you.
- 3 Any further questions?
- 4 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. I have a few
- 5 follow-up to that.
- 6 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 8 Q. First of all, if you could turn to the
- 9 Project Labor Agreement, Joint Exhibit 1,
- paragraph 7, page 3, paragraph 7.
- 11 **A.** Okay.
- 12 Q. Am I reading correctly that the unions are
- 13 to partake in the construction of this project
- in accordance with UH's policies and procedures
- 15 and UH's Code of Conduct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And I think you've said it. The union has
- 18 told Mr. Harting to act as a gentleman. From an
- 19 HR standpoint, is that consistent with acting as
- 20 a professional?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Treating people correctly --
- 23 A. Respect them.
- 24 Q. Gilbane telling him to treat others as the
- way he would treat his family and best friends.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Is that in any way consistent with HR-20 or
- 3 the professionalism conduct or the Code of
- 4 Conduct --
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. -- or any of the policies we reviewed?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. It's consistent with that?
- 9 **A.** Uh-huh.
- 10 Q. And if you're treating somebody as you'd
- like to be treated, you're going to be complying
- 12 with the HR-20 and the Workplace Violence policy
- and all the others; is that right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. If a visitor came on the campus who was
- 16 visiting a patient and partook in the same
- 17 conduct of Mr. Harting, would that visitor be
- 18 excluded in your view?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And that visitor may not have seen the
- 21 policies, did they?
- 22 **A.** Right.
- 23 Q. And you're an experienced HR professional.
- 24 If somebody visits the cafeteria, uses racial
- 25 epithets, threatens your employees, is there any

- legal defense that says, "Hey, sorry, we can't
- 2 do anything about it; that person wasn't
- 3 familiar with our policies so we have to live
- 4 with it"?
- 5 A. No, absolutely not.
- 6 Q. So if this employee turned to UH and said
- 7 that you're putting me out there as the victim
- 8 of harassment and violence, UH could be subject
- 9 to a lawsuit?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any
- 12 further questions.
- 13 MR. FELDMAN: Anything further of
- 14 this witness?
- 15 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 17 Q. This Project Labor Agreement, Joint
- 18 Exhibit 1, contains, you know, 100 or so pages
- 19 with a lot of rules and policies, drug testing,
- 20 Workers' Compensation and elaborate rules about
- 21 safety, and you know, because you've been here
- today, do you not, that there are disciplinary
- 23 procedures as part of this Project Labor
- 24 Agreement?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Wouldn't you expect as an HR person for an
- 2 individual like Mr. Harting or his union to say
- 3 this is the document we follow, Joint Exhibit 1?
- 4 A. I would think that based on how the
- 5 document reads that they need to follow this
- 6 document and the other ones that are referenced.
- 7 Q. And how, if you know, would Local 310,
- 8 which has its office down at 32nd and Euclid
- 9 Avenue, get access to your University Hospitals'
- 10 Intranet?
- 11 A. You could come on site and access it.
- 12 MS. GRAGEL: Nothing further.
- 13 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 15 Q. If Local 310 said, "We want to train our
- 16 employees on UH's policies, procedures and Code
- of Conduct," would you refuse to give them those
- 18 policies?
- 19 **A.** No.
- 20 Q. If Local 310 asked you to come out and give
- 21 training to their employees that are going to be
- on site, would you have refused such requests?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Do you think that if you're going to send
- 25 your union employee into a work site, it would

271 be reasonable to verify what that owner and what 2 that work site expects from your employees? 3 Α. Yes. 4 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any 5 further questions. 6 MR. FELDMAN: Next witness. 7 Thank you very much. 8 (Thereupon, a recess was taken.) 9 MARGARET HEWITT 10 of lawful age, a witness herein, was examined 11 and testified as follows: 12 MR. FELDMAN: Your name is? 13 Margaret Hewitt? MS. HEWITT: 14 MR. FELDMAN: H-e-w --15 -- i-t-t. MS. HEWITT: 16 And you understand MR. FELDMAN: 17 that you are under oath? 18 Yes, I do. MS. HEWITT: 19 You may inquire. MR. FELDMAN: 20 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you. 21 DIRECT EXAMINATION 22 BY MR. CAMPBELL: 23 Where are you employed? Q. 24 University Hospitals. 25 And how long have you been employed by Q.

- 1 University Hospitals?
- 2 A. Two years.
- 3 Q. And what is your position?
- 4 A. I'm vice president of construction
- 5 services.
- 6 Q. And how long have you held that position?
- 7 A. For two years.
- 8 Q. And tell us in simple terms what are your
- 9 duties and responsibilities?
- 10 A. I am responsible for all construction that
- 11 occurs at University Hospitals, that is, the
- main campus, six community hospitals and all of
- 13 our ambulatory facilities.
- 14 Q. Now, we've heard about Vision 2010. Is
- that part of your responsibilities?
- 16 **A.** Yes, it is.
- 17 **o.** What is Vision 2010?
- 18 A. Vision 2010 is a strategic program that has
- 19 been put together to build two new hospitals.
- 20 One is the Ahuja Medical Center in Beachwood,
- 21 the second is a cancer hospital. We also
- 22 relocated our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit from
- 23 the second floor of Rainbow Babies and
- 24 Children's Hospital to the fourth floor, and we
- are relocating our Center for Emergency Medicine

- 1 from the core of our facility to the front door
- 2 at Euclid.
- 3 Q. Is this a large project?
- 4 A. It is. It's approximately \$800 million in
- 5 construction.
- 6 Q. Is it a high-profile project?
- 7 A. Very much so, yes.
- 8 Q. Have you been involved with city and county
- 9 political figures as to this construction
- 10 project?
- 11 A. We have been involved in all levels of
- 12 government, Federal, state, county, city, as
- 13 well as local UCI district, University Circle.
- 14 Q. I want to direct your attention to Joint
- 15 Exhibit 1. Mr. Billington is going to hand it
- 16 to you. I want to ask you a question.
- 17 Have you seen that document before today?
- 18 A. Yes, I have.
- 19 Q. And what is Joint Exhibit 1?
- 20 A. It is our Project Labor Agreement.
- 21 Q. Now, if we turn on this one to Attachment A
- 22 on page 15 --
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. -- is this the City of Cleveland Project
- 25 Labor Agreement?

- 1 A. Yes, this is.
- 2 Q. And the covered projects for this include
- 3 the projects that are being completed with
- 4 construction projects at the main campus at
- 5 Euclid Avenue?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Now, were you involved in the negotiation
- 8 of the Project Labor Agreement?
- 9 A. Yes, I was.
- 10 Q. If I could turn to the next attachment,
- 11 Attachment B on page 16, tell us a little bit
- 12 about -- I don't need to know the specifics, but
- 13 a little bit about Attachment B.
- 14 A. Attachment B is what we've included as a
- part of the three-party negotiations between the
- 16 City of Cleveland, University Hospitals and the
- 17 labor unions. It addresses our community
- 18 effort, our diversity goals and our local hiring
- in terms of helping to build the economy.
- 20 Q. Are diversity and equal opportunities
- 21 important values at UH?
- 22 A. Very much so.
- 23 Q. Would they be considered core values?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Would diversity, is that a major reason for

- 1 the Project Labor Agreement, diversity issues?
- 2 A. Yes, it was.
- 3 Q. And Attachment B and some other paragraphs
- 4 of this Project Labor Agreement set forth
- 5 paragraphs that address diversity and issues
- 6 relating to diversity?
- 7 A. Yes, they do.
- 8 Q. Now, I want to refer you to page 3 of the
- 9 Project Labor Agreement, paragraph 7. I want
- 10 you to read paragraph 7 to yourself and let me
- 11 know once you've read through it, paragraph 7 on
- 12 page 3.
- 13 A. (Witness complies with request.)
- Okay.
- 15 Q. See the reference on page -- on line 5 that
- 16 the construction project is going to be
- 17 completed in accordance with UH's policies,
- 18 procedures and Code of Conduct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And was that a term negotiated by
- 21 University Hospitals when negotiating this
- 22 Project Labor Agreement?
- 23 A. Yes, it was.
- 24 Q. Now, we're here today as to Mr. Harting,
- and I want to ask you, how did you become

- 1 familiar with Mr. Harting?
- 2 A. I was informed via e-mail that came to my
- 3 desk that said that there was an altercation
- 4 with an employee in our cafeteria, and attached
- 5 to that was the investigation and the report --
- 6 MR. FELDMAN: Was the word
- 7 "altercation" used?
- 8 MS. HEWITT: Sorry?
- 9 MR. FELDMAN: Was the word
- 10 "altercation" used, or is that your phraseology?
- 11 MS. HEWITT: I can't recall, so
- 12 I'll have to say that's my phraseology.
- 13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 14 Q. Was it your understanding that Mr. Harting
- 15 used any racial epithets?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Was Mr. Harting's altercation with a UH
- 18 employee?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Was it your understanding that Mr. Harting
- 21 used any other derogatory terms other than
- 22 racial slurs, like thief or anything else?
- 23 A. Yes. My understanding was that he used
- 24 curse words, he called her a thief, as well as
- 25 racial terms, yes.

- 1 Q. And is it your understanding that
- 2 Mr. Harting was angry?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Is it your understanding that the UH
- 5 employee felt intimidated?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Now, Ms. Peplowski --
- 8 MR. FELDMAN: I would be much
- 9 happier if we wouldn't have a bunch of "yes" and
- 10 "no" answers.
- MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.
- 12 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 13 Q. Are you familiar with Sue Peplowski?
- 14 A. Yes, I am.
- 15 Q. Ms. Peplowski testified that she didn't
- 16 make the decision as to Mr. Harting.
- Who made the decision as to Mr. Harting's
- 18 continued association with UH?
- 19 A. I did.
- 20 Q. What was your decision?
- 21 A. My decision was to have him removed from
- 22 any UH construction projects that were going on
- 23 at the main campus.
- 24 Q. If you could tell the arbitrator why did
- 25 you make that decision?

- 1 A. I made that decision because the
- 2 construction workers are guests to the UH
- 3 campus. They come in to do work, to work on a
- 4 project, and anyone who comes to our campus
- 5 should be respectful of the employees who work
- 6 there and the patients and their families. We
- 7 have given instructions to the construction
- 8 workers not to leave the job sites really; and
- 9 so we understand that sometimes people go to the
- 10 cafeteria, which is against the policy we've
- issued; but you are to be respectful and to
- behave in a respectful way to all employees and
- 13 to all patients and their families at University
- 14 Hospitals.
- 15 Q. And what was your conclusion as to
- 16 Mr. Harting's conduct?
- 17 A. That it was disrespectful; and the
- 18 impression I got is it was threatening to that
- 19 employee. She felt intimidated and threatened.
- 20 Q. As to University Hospitals, what is its
- view as to the use of racial slurs?
- 22 A. 100 percent unacceptable.
- 23 Q. Would it surprise you to hear that the
- 24 unions are saying that they were unaware of UH's
- policies as to diversity and racial tolerance?

1 Ms. GRAGEL: Objection. I don't

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- 2 think that's been said.
- 3 MR. CAMPBELL: I'll put some
- 4 background.
- 5 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 6 Q. Are you familiar with John Gilbane?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Are you familiar with Terry Joyce?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Are they representatives, leaders of Local
- 11 310 Laborers?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Have you had meetings where you've
- 14 discussed diversity and UH's --
- 15 A. I have not had a meeting with John Gilbane,
- 16 but I have had several meetings with Terry
- 17 Joyce.
- 18 Q. Have you made clear to Terry Joyce UH's
- 19 views on discrimination?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Would it surprise you that Local 310 of the
- Laborers did not understand UH's policy against
- 23 discrimination and intimidation and violence?
- 24 MS. GRAGEL: Objection. There's
- been no testimony in the record as to 310

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280 1 claiming that they don't understand that UH has 2 a policy. That's not -- there's been no witness 3 who has testified on that subject. 4 MR. CAMPBELL: Then she can answer 5 it then. It will be consistent with your 6 position. 7 MS. HEWITT: Do you want me to 8 answer the question? 9 Answer the MR. FELDMAN: 10 There's been testimony here that -question. 11 there's a bunch of manuals placed into the 12 record by your HR manager in this hearing that 13 the code of responsibility or --14 MR. CAMPBELL: Code of Conduct. 15 MR. FELDMAN: -- Code of Conduct 16 that has all kinds of thoughts in it concerning 17 diversity and racial slurs and what have you, 18 but when asked if they've ever been disseminated 19 to the union, the answer was no. Now, you're 20 going to tell us that you've had conversations, 21 but have you ever -- let's get those items, 22 those manuals in front of the witness. 23 them to the witness. You're familiar with those

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MS. HEWITT:

I'm sure, aren't you, ma'am?

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Yes, I am.

281 1 MR. FELDMAN: Were those 2 disseminated to union? 3 I don't know. MS. HEWITT: 4 MR. FELDMAN: Well, they talk 5 about the things that you're talking about. one of the bases for discipline is knowledge of 6 7 a rule that you're breaking, and the rules 8 evidently are in those manuals, although I 9 haven't read them. But without knowledge of 10 them, you can hardly be breaking them. 11 MS. HEWITT: Well, one of the 12 things that we did as construction services is 13 we asked for the construction workers not to 14 leave the construction sites so they don't have 15 to know all of these rules. If no one goes to 16 the cafeteria or you go anyplace other than your 17 job site, you don't interact with any UH 18 employees, you don't interact with any UH 19 patients. So we felt that was a way to keep 20 everyone from having to memorize everything 21 about UH, that if you stayed restricted to your 22 construction site where we don't allow UH 23 employees, unless they're construction services 24 employees, to enter, then we wouldn't have that 25 interaction. So we tried to limit that

- 1 interaction in that way.
- 2 **MR. CAMPBELL:** Can I go on?
- 3 MR. FELDMAN: Yes. I just want
- 4 you to know that I'm paying close attention to
- 5 this issue of knowledge.
- 6 MR. CAMPBELL: Well, I think the
- 7 Project Labor Agreement, it explicitly --
- 8 MR. FELDMAN: I haven't had a
- 9 chance to read it, but I will.
- 10 MR. CAMPBELL: -- applies them.
- 11 And if the unions are sending their members on
- campus and they have doubts, then they should do
- 13 it and ask.
- 14 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 15 Q. Let me ask you this: Was Mr. Harting and
- other Local 310 Laborers permitted to be in the
- 17 cafeteria to eat?
- 18 A. According to our rules, no.
- 19 Q. And that's part of the overall rule of
- they're not to be interacting with patients and
- visitors and employees?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. If Terry Joyce and Local 310 had asked your
- 24 construction services department to review UH's
- 25 policies and procedures and Code of Conduct,

- 1 would you have objected to that request?
- 2 MS. GRAGEL: Objection. There's
- 3 no foundation on the record for that kind of
- 4 question.
- 5 MR. FELDMAN: You may answer.
- 6 MS. HEWITT: No, we would not
- 7 have objected to that.
- 8 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 9 O. Has Local 310 ever asked to review the
- 10 policies and procedures to your knowledge?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Has Local 310 ever informed you that they
- were unaware that other employees were not to
- 14 use racial epithets on campus?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Has Local 310 or any of the unions ever
- informed you that they were unaware that their
- 18 employees were not to intimidate UH employees,
- 19 visitors or patients?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Is it common sense that a construction site
- 22 would prohibit such conduct towards employees,
- 23 visitors and patients?
- MS. GRAGEL: Objection. We've
- 25 got real leading here.

- 1 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 2 Q. How long have you been involved in
- 3 construction?
- 4 A. Twenty years.
- 5 Q. Have you been involved as -- what forms,
- 6 owner of construction companies?
- 7 A. I've been an owner and I worked at an
- 8 architectural firm.
- 9 MR. FELDMAN: What, ma'am?
- 10 MS. HEWITT: An architectural
- 11 firm.
- 12 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 13 Q. Is it unusual that owners expect
- 14 construction workers to treat their employees
- 15 and customers with respect?
- 16 A. No, it's not.
- 17 MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- 18 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't know how
- 19 there's an objection. Local 310 has advised its
- own member who has testified here today of that
- 21 very same point, yet I heard Local 310 arguing
- that somehow they are unaware of acting
- 23 professional. So if they want to waive the
- 24 argument, then I'm happy --
- 25 MS. GRAGEL: The basis for my

- 1 objection is form. We've now led this witness
- 2 for about ten minutes, and what she knows and
- 3 what she knows about 310 I think is valid, but
- 4 if, if, if. If Mickey Mouse walks in the room,
- 5 there may be an "if" there, too.
- 6 MR. FELDMAN: We're all getting
- 7 tired. Are there any further questions?
- 8 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 9 Q. Based on your 20 years of experience in the
- 10 construction industry, would it be surprising to
- 11 you that a union would take the position that
- 12 its members were unaware that they needed to act
- professionally when on an owner's site?
- 14 A. It would surprise me.
- 15 Q. Would it surprise you that in this day and
- 16 age that a union would take the position that
- its members were unaware they should not be
- using racial epithets while on the work site?
- 19 A. That would surprise me.
- 20 Q. If Local 310 is taking the position that
- 21 its employees may use racial epithets while on
- 22 site, does UH have a problem with permitting
- 23 Local 310 employees on the work site?
- MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- MR. FELDMAN: Next question.

1 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any

- 2 further questions.
- 3 MR. FELDMAN: Anything of this
- 4 witness?
- 5 MS. GRAGEL: Yes. Thank you.
- 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 8 Q. Vice President Hewitt, when you joined
- 9 University Hospitals, that would have been
- 10 sometime in June 2007?
- 11 A. It was April 2007.
- 12 Q. And when you got to your position, did your
- duties include participating in the negotiations
- 14 over the terms of the Project Labor Agreement?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And did you attend various meetings about
- 17 that project?
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q. And ultimately the negotiations resulted in
- 20 the document that's been marked Joint Exhibit 1?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And do you know during those negotiations
- that University Hospitals was represented by
- 24 Mr. Campbell and his law firm?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Do you know who prepared the typed version
- of the document that ultimately was signed and
- 3 is now marked here as Joint Exhibit 1?
- 4 A. The individual who prepared it?
- 5 Q. Do you know who drafted it?
- 6 A. No, I don't know the individual who drafted
- 7 it.
- 8 Q. Did you play any role, Vice President
- 9 Hewitt, in reviewing the final document to make
- 10 sure that it matched what had been discussed and
- 11 was appropriate for signature?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. And as part of that review, Ms. Hewitt, did
- 14 you assure that all of the attachments that
- 15 needed to be part of the agreement were attached
- 16 to it?
- 17 A. No, I did not.
- 18 **Q.** In your role as the vice president of
- 19 construction for the University Hospitals
- 20 project, do you interact with Gilbane?
- 21 A. I do.
- 22 Q. Do you have a specific person or a group of
- 23 people that you interact with at Gilbane?
- 24 A. I do.
- 25 Q. Who are those?

- 1 A. Mr. Tom Lair, Mr. John Sosnowski, Mr. Roger
- 2 Brown.
- 3 Q. And are you familiar with what's attached
- 4 to the Project Labor Agreement as Exhibit D,
- 5 which is the Gilbane Project Safety Plan?
- 6 A. Yes. I know that that is attached.
- 7 Q. It's dated August 27, 2007.
- Did you review this document to be sure
- 9 that it was appropriate for use at the Vision
- 10 2010 construction projects before it was
- 11 implemented?
- 12 A. I cannot recall the level of review I gave
- 13 this document.
- 14 **Q.** You have reviewed?
- 15 A. I cannot recall the level of review, but,
- 16 yes, I have seen it. I'm familiar with it.
- 17 Q. On page 15 of 67 of Exhibit D, Ms. Hewitt,
- 18 have you reviewed this page in connection with
- 19 any of your work as the vice president of
- 20 construction, this disciplinary page?
- 21 A. I have not used this page, no.
- 22 Q. Did you review it at any time before making
- a decision regarding the removal of Mr. Harting
- 24 from UH job sites?
- 25 A. No, I did not because I did not ask Gilbane

- 1 to execute the decision. I made that decision.
- 2 Q. Did you communicate that decision to
- 3 Mr. Harting?
- 4 A. Not directly, no. I communicated it to
- 5 Gilbane.
- 6 O. With the expectation that Gilbane would
- 7 then act upon it?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 MR. FELDMAN: Is Gilbane a
- 10 signatory to that agreement?
- 11 MS. HEWITT: No, they are not.
- 12 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 13 Q. And Gilbane's role on the project as you
- understand it is construction manager?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And in a short version, what does a
- 17 construction manager do for University Hospitals
- 18 on these projects?
- 19 A. A construction manager is responsible for
- 20 negotiating and executing all of the contracts
- 21 for construction, and then they manage the work
- 22 that is delineated in those contracts.
- 23 O. When you contacted Gilbane with the
- instructions that they remove Mr. Harting, did
- 25 you ask Gilbane to check to make sure that the

- 1 removal would be handled in accordance with the
- 2 safety plan?
- 3 A. No, I did not.
- 4 Q. The decision, according to the testimony,
- 5 to remove Mr. Harting from the job site was made
- 6 in very early February 2009. Does that match
- your memory as to about when that took place?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And you made that decision after you
- 10 reviewed an e-mail and some written materials?
- 11 A. The attached investigation report, the
- 12 video that was attached, as well as the
- 13 complaint that was written by the cashier.
- 14 Q. And in that packet of materials, was there
- 15 a statement from Mr. Harting regarding his
- 16 version of events?
- 17 A. I don't recall if there was a statement
- 18 from Mr. Harting.
- 19 Q. Did you have in your possession at the time
- you made your decision to remove him information
- 21 from or on behalf of Mr. Harting that indicated
- that he denied using any racial epithet to any
- 23 individual on the campus?
- 24 A. I do have that understanding that he has
- 25 denied that.

- 1 Q. Did you talk with him to find out what he
- 2 said happened?
- 3 A. No, I did not.
- 4 Q. Did you ask anyone associated with
- 5 University Hospitals to talk with Mr. Harting to
- 6 find out what he said happened?
- 7 A. No, I did not.
- 8 MR. FELDMAN: Excuse me. Why?
- 9 MS. HEWITT: Why? Because I
- 10 felt between the video and the evidence that was
- 11 presented, it was overwhelming, regardless of
- 12 the racial epithet --
- 13 MR. CAMPBELL: She's answering
- 14 your question, sir.
- 15 MR. FELDMAN: Excuse me.
- 16 MR. CAMPBELL: I just want to make
- 17 sure the record --
- 18 MR. FELDMAN: I understand and I
- 19 hear, but this is very important to me.
- 20 MR. CAMPBELL: I understand. But
- 21 it is as well for the record.
- 22 MR. FELDMAN: In this country we
- 23 have what is known as due process. Due process
- 24 involves the investigation of an activity. Is
- 25 it my understanding that you didn't investigate

292 1 this? 2. MS. HEWITT: Well, Mr. Harting 3 was not supposed to be in the cafeteria 4 according to the rules that we have issued to the construction workers. 5 6 Is that a MR. FELDMAN: 7 dischargeable event in itself? MS. HEWITT: I can determine it 8 9 to be. 10 Well, I'm asking MR. FELDMAN: 11 you why you didn't give the due process to 12 Mr. Harting. After all, his employment was on 13 the line. 14 MS. HEWITT: I did not realize 15 his employment was on the line. I did not ask for him to be fired. 16 17 MR. FELDMAN: You didn't ask for 18 him to be fired? 19 MS. HEWITT: No. 20 MR. FELDMAN: What did you ask 21 when you told Gilbane? I asked him to be 22 MS. HEWITT: 23 removed from the UH property, that's what I 24 asked him, not to be returned to a UH 25 construction project. I did not ask for him to

- 1 be fired at all, ever.
- 2 MR. FELDMAN: Didn't you think
- 3 that that was tantamount to his being fired,
- 4 ma'am?
- 5 MS. HEWITT: No, not when you
- 6 are a union employee. You are assigned to
- 7 another project. When my project ends, he would
- 8 not be fired. At some point my construction
- 9 project is going to be over, he would not be
- 10 fired. The union is assigned to different
- 11 projects, so no --
- 12 MR. FELDMAN: Next question.
- 13 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 14 Q. Within the same day or the next day of you
- 15 making the decision to ask for Mr. Harting to be
- 16 removed from the project, you met with Sebastian
- 17 Trusso, who is sitting here, did you not?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And Mr. Ray Clegg from the union also came?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 MR. TRUSSO: Kevin.
- 22 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 23 Q. I'm sorry, Kevin Clegg, who is Ray Clegg's
- son, came to meet you at the project?
- They asked you to reconsider your decision,

- 1 did they not?
- 2 A. They did.
- 3 Q. And they informed you that Mr. Harting
- 4 would be unemployed if your decision stood to
- 5 remove him from the property as a result of the
- 6 incident in the cafeteria?
- 7 A. I don't recall them saying that he would be
- 8 unemployed.
- 9 Q. They informed you, did they not, that he
- denied engaging in racial or any kind of abusive
- 11 conduct in the cafeteria?
- 12 A. Yes, they did.
- 13 Q. But notwithstanding what they told you
- 14 about that position, you did not change your
- 15 decision?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. And one more set of questions.
- Your office, if I understand correctly, at
- 19 least your main office is at the University
- 20 Hospitals administrative center on Warrensville
- 21 Road?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. I would also guess that you don't always
- 24 spend your full workday in that office and you
- 25 come down to the projects?

- 1 A. I do.
- 2 Q. When you are at the main campus at
- 3 University Hospitals, do you eat in the
- 4 cafeteria?
- 5 **A.** Yes, I do.
- 6 Q. Have you seen individuals that you know to
- 7 be associated with construction work in the
- 8 cafeteria?
- 9 A. I have; and I've asked them to leave.
- 10 Q. Did you check, for example, in any of the
- 11 workplace trailers or break rooms in the
- 12 hospital to see if Gilbane had posted notices to
- the construction staff to stay out of the
- 14 cafeteria?
- 15 A. I have checked some of their boards and it
- 16 was posted.
- 17 Q. Where did you see it posted and when?
- 18 A. If I recall correctly, it's posted in their
- 19 main trailer that sits at the corner of Euclid
- 20 and University Drive.
- 21 Q. And when did you see that sign up?
- 22 A. I see it every time I go.
- 23 Q. When is the first time that you saw that
- 24 sign?
- 25 A. I can't recall the first time I saw it

- 1 there.
- 2 Q. Before or after this grievance?
- 3 A. It would have been before because I've been
- 4 in that trailer many times.
- 5 Q. You are wearing here today some type of
- 6 badge. Is that your University Hospitals badge?
- 7 **A.** It is.
- 8 Q. The construction workers are issued badges,
- 9 are they not?
- 10 A. They are.
- 11 Q. Do they look the same as yours or
- 12 different?
- 13 A. They look different in the sense they have
- 14 a white background instead of a yellow
- 15 background.
- 16 Q. And if I understand the process,
- 17 construction workers get that badge after they
- 18 review some type of training video that Gilbane
- 19 provides.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Have you seen the video?
- 22 A. Yes, I have.
- 23 Q. Is there any place in the video that
- 24 informs the construction workers at the main
- 25 campus that they are not to go into the

- 1 cafeteria?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. And is there any part of that training
- 4 video that instructs the construction workers
- 5 that they should go to the Intranet to find the
- 6 UH Code of Conduct and employment policies?
- 7 A. I don't think so.
- 8 Q. And when you made your decision to remove
- 9 Mr. Harting from the University Hospitals work
- 10 sites, did you know how long Mr. Harting had
- 11 been working at the project?
- 12 A. No, I did not.
- 13 Q. Did you know for whom he had been working?
- 14 A. The specific contractor?
- 15 **o.** Yes.
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Did you take any steps to determine by
- 18 talking to Gilbane or to anyone else in the
- 19 construction part of the project to find out
- 20 about Mr. Harting and the kind of worker that he
- 21 was?
- 22 A. No.
- MR. FELDMAN: Ma'am, do you have
- 24 any mechanism for investigating matters of this
- 25 sort on file that you use?

298 1 MS. HEWITT: We would ask our 2 security personnel to investigate. 3 MR. FELDMAN: Did you ask them in 4 this case? 5 I believe the MS. HEWITT: 6 information I got had data from our security 7 personnel. I know they sent us videos because 8 that's where the videos are, in the security 9 department. 10 MR. FELDMAN: Is that the only 11 investigative activity in this case, by the 12 security people? 13 MS. HEWITT: I think HR also did 14 some investigation, our HR department. 15 So you don't have MR. FELDMAN: 16 any protocol for such activity, do you? 17 Not in the MS. HEWITT: 18 construction services department, no. 19 Is there any reason MR. FELDMAN: 20 for that? 21 It's never happened MS. HEWITT: before, so it was the first incident since I've 22 23 been at UH that this has happened. 24 Well, the thing MR. FELDMAN: 25 that is disturbing is that there seems to be

299 1 fraud on your part that you can arbitrarily, 2 capriciously, accomplish a removal of a --3 Sir, I just want to MR. CAMPBELL: 4 state for the record --5 MR. FELDMAN: The record will 6 speak for itself. 7 MR. CAMPBELL: And I just want to 8 object to the use -- I mean, we have sat through 9 a day where this individual has admitted to 10 extreme misconduct. We've heard the individuals 11 testify -- to say this is an arbitrary -- I 12 don't know how this could possibly be, with all 13 due respect. You're here to hear all of the 14 evidence and make a decision --15 I'm here to hear MR. FELDMAN: 16 all the evidence, and I want to know exactly why 17 there was no investigation in this matter. 18 We have heard MR. CAMPBELL: 19 Ms. Peplowski, we've heard Heather, we've heard 20 Mr. Hawk --21 There's no protocol MR. FELDMAN: 22 here --23 MR. CAMPBELL: -- all three have 24 testified to an investigation. 25 MR. FELDMAN: You can write in

300 1 your brief as you see fit. 2. MR. CAMPBELL: Absolutely. 3 You have a case in MR. FELDMAN: 4 the Federal Court system and you can proceed 5 with that, too, should the decision here go 6 against you. 7 MR. CAMPBELL: I would ask you to 8 hear the evidence before you make a decision. 9 I want to know why MR. FELDMAN: 10 there was no investigation. Maybe there was but 11 there's no protocol established. Maybe there 12 was and maybe I should know if there's a 13 protocol of some sort that I'm missing here in 14 the evidence. That's all. You evidently --15 your office doesn't have a protocol. 16 MS. HEWITT: We do not. Му 17 office -- the department of construction 18 services is only two years old, so it only 19 started when I started. We had never had an incident like this before, so we did not foresee 20 21 we needed a protocol to address an issue like 22 this because we never anticipated --23 Perhaps this MR. FELDMAN: 24 opinion award and hearing will cause one to be 25 fostered.

301 1 At any rate, continue. Do you have 2 anything further? 3 MR. CAMPBELL: I'd just object 4 to that. The arbitrator has explicitly stated 5 he's reached a decision without even hearing all 6 the evidence. 7 I didn't say I've MR. FELDMAN: 8 already reached a decision. 9 MR. CAMPBELL: I strongly object 10 to that. MR. FELDMAN: What decision did I 11 12 reach? 13 MR. CAMPBELL: I think you've been 14 pretty clear as to how you've reached the decision --15 16 MR. FELDMAN: I haven't even 17 heard one-half of the case. 18 MR. CAMPBELL: Exactly. And 19 that's my objection to you stating that you've reached a conclusion. 20 2.1 MR. FELDMAN: I didn't say I reached a conclusion. 22 23 MR. CAMPBELL: With all due 24 respect, the record will speak to that. 25 MR. FELDMAN: Yes, it will.

- 1 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 2 Q. Ms. Hewitt, you testified a few minutes ago
- 3 that at times you've been in the cafeteria and
- 4 saw construction workers there and you asked
- 5 them to be removed.
- 6 Did you take any action on any of those
- 7 occasions to initiate discipline to the
- 8 construction workers that you found in the
- 9 cafeteria?
- 10 A. I did contact John Sosnowski of Gilbane and
- 11 express that it should be emphasized that they
- 12 should not be in the cafeteria. That is against
- 13 policy.
- 14 Q. Did you instruct Mr. Sosnowski in those
- 15 situations to issue citations to the workers
- 16 that you found in the cafeteria?
- 17 **A.** No.
- 18 Q. And you know from the Project Labor
- 19 Agreement and the Gilbane policy that a citation
- 20 is the first process in progressive discipline
- 21 to get somebody out the door?
- 22 A. Can I ask a question? I don't consider
- 23 this a safety issue. Your using a safety manual
- 24 for a process that I don't consider a safety
- issue, so I'm having a little disconnect there.

- 1 **Q.** So the incident as you understood it from
- 2 the papers that you reviewed about Mr. Harting
- 3 and his contact with the cafeteria employee, as
- 4 you understood it was not a safety issue?
- 5 A. Not a construction safety issue. It was
- 6 the safety of that employee, but if that, for
- 7 example, had been one of my employees and they
- 8 had treated another employee that way, they
- 9 would have been disciplined. That issue would
- 10 have been addressed. It is unacceptable to
- 11 treat a UH employee that way.
- 12 Q. And you would have done that by addressing
- 13 it with your employees about interaction with
- 14 another UH employee?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 **MS. GRAGEL:** Thank you.
- 17 MR. FELDMAN: Anything further?
- 18 **MS. GRAGEL:** Nothing.
- 19 **MR. FELDMAN:** Redirect?
- 20 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you.
- 21 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 23 Q. You were asked about Mr. Harting and about
- 24 him giving due process. Today he's testified,
- 25 Mr. Harting -- well, let's take a step back.

- 1 Did the union representative over here
- 2 inform you that Mr. Harting denied any sort of
- 3 abusive conduct when you spoke with him after
- 4 excluding Mr. Harting from the work site?
- 5 A. I believe they did when they came to my
- 6 office.
- 7 Q. And I think Ms. Gragel asked you
- 8 specifically to confirm that they denied that
- 9 Mr. Harting had partaken in any abusive conduct;
- 10 is that right? Not just the racial epithet, but
- 11 any abusive conduct.
- 12 A. When they came to my office, we all
- 13 understood an incident had occurred. No one was
- in denial that an incident had occurred.
- 15 Q. I'm just asking you, it was their position
- 16 that Mr. Harting denied everything, right?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. Now, Mr. Harting testified here today and
- 19 admitted, and the evidence from the union was
- 20 presented that this altercation took place for
- over two and a half minutes. Mr. Harting
- 22 admitted to calling her a thief, calling a UH
- 23 employee a thief in front of other employees and
- 24 visitors and other individuals who were on site
- in the cafeteria. He admitted to being loud.

- 1 He admitted to cussing. He admitted to telling
- other managers that she was a thief.
- Based on those admissions from Mr. Harting,
- 4 was he appropriately excluded from the work site
- 5 based on his conduct?
- 6 MS. GRAGEL: Objection. That's
- 7 an ultimate decision from the arbitrator.
- 8 MR. FELDMAN: She may answer.
- 9 MS. HEWITT: I'm sorry. Just
- 10 based on that information, he would have been
- 11 excluded from the work site.
- 12 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 13 Q. Just based on --
- 14 A. Just based on that.
- 15 Q. -- two and a half minutes of cussing,
- 16 yelling and calling an employee a thief?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 O. Is that consistent with the union telling
- 19 you that Mr. Harting had not partaken in any
- 20 abusive conduct? Is Mr. Harting's position
- 21 consistent with the union's position that he
- 22 didn't partake in any abusive conduct?
- 23 A. I'm sorry. I'm learning every word means
- 24 something here.
- MS. GRAGEL: Objection.

1 MS. HEWITT: That is not

- 2 consistent.
- 3 BY MR. CAMPBELL:
- 4 Q. Do you find that to be abusive conduct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Was the union truthful to you when they
- 7 came to you and said that Mr. Harting denied --
- 8 MS. GRAGEL: Objection.
- 9 MR. CAMPBELL: You brought it out.
- 10 You brought it out, and we're here about
- 11 credibility and about why there was no due
- 12 process. The union has come to UH and said he's
- denied everything. He's come here in front of
- 14 this arbitrator and admitted under oath that he
- 15 cussed, called her a thief, two and a half
- 16 minutes worth of yelling and screaming and
- 17 calling her a thief in front of other people.
- 18 We certainly can call into question their
- 19 credibility.
- MS. GRAGEL: There is no
- 21 evidence that that kind of behavior lasted for
- the two and a half minutes. There's no evidence
- 23 at all of what was said during any part of the
- two and a half minutes because there's no audio
- on the tape.

- 1 MR. FELDMAN: Next question.
- 2 MR. CAMPBELL: Are you telling her
- 3 she can't answer that question?
- 4 MR. FELDMAN: Repeat it.
- 5 **BY MR. CAMPBELL:**
- 6 Q. Was Mr. Harting's conduct abusive?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did union tell you he had partaken in
- 9 abusive conduct?
- 10 A. Not in detail.
- 11 Q. In order to get a UH badge as you were
- 12 asked by Ms. Gragel, I'm going to show you the
- information it goes through as to what's been
- 14 marked as Respondent's Exhibit 1, and I want to
- 15 turn to the Code of Safe Practices. Now, in
- 16 that Code of Safe Practices, I want to refer you
- on that page to a couple of the provisions.
- 18 First of all, number 7, "I will eat only in
- 19 designated areas and dispose of trash in proper
- 20 containers."
- 21 Have the unions been advised that the union
- 22 employees are not to eat in the UH cafeteria?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. So you would expect Local 310 to have
- 25 advised Mr. Harting that his designated area was

- 1 not the UH main campus cafeteria?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Now, if we go on here, number 11, "I will
- 4 conduct myself in a professional manner, do you
- 5 see that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Is conducting yourself in a professional
- 8 manner consistent with Mr. Harting's admissions
- 9 that I have told you about today?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. It goes on to state: "I will not engage in
- 12 any violence, horseplay, practical jokes or
- other behavior obnoxious to the general public."
- Did you find Mr. Harting's conduct as I've
- 15 described here today conduct that is violent or
- obnoxious to members of the general public?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 **Q.** It will go on further to state: "I will
- 19 not harass anyone else on site or any member of
- 20 the public, sexually or otherwise." Do you see
- 21 that statement?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Is the use of a racial epithet considered
- 24 harassment in your opinion?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Mr. Harting further testified today that he
- 2 has been informed by his union, and not only on
- 3 the UH work site but on all work sites that he
- 4 goes onto on behalf of Local 310, he is to act
- 5 as a gentleman.
- 6 Do you find that based on his admissions
- 7 that I've told you here today that he was acting
- 8 as a gentleman on the UH work site as to your UH
- 9 employee?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any
- 12 further questions.
- 13 MR. FELDMAN: Anything further of
- 14 this witness?
- 15 MS. GRAGEL: Yes. Thank you.
- 16 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MS. GRAGEL:
- 18 Q. In caret number 7 of this Code of Conduct,
- 19 which you have in front of you, there's a
- 20 stipulation about designated areas.
- 21 For individuals that were working in the
- 22 NICU unit in January 2009, where was the
- 23 designated area?
- 24 A. I'm sorry?
- 25 Q. Where was the designated areas for

- 1 individuals working in the NICU unit?
- 2 A. In the construction area on the fourth
- 3 floor.
- 4 Q. And where did individuals who were working
- 5 in the NICU unit in June of 2009 purchase their
- 6 food?
- 7 A. They are not allowed to purchase it in our
- 8 cafeteria.
- 9 O. Is there anywhere on site in the University
- 10 Hospitals property for individuals to purchase
- 11 food when working with what would be the second
- 12 shift?
- 13 A. There is no place available that we supply.
- 14 As we call it, Roach Coach might show up that
- 15 they could go to off the site and purchase, but
- 16 no place that University Hospitals supplies.
- 17 Q. And typically those portable kitchens are
- 18 there during the daytime shifts?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Not second shift?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. And you've been asked a series of questions
- 23 here recently about what Mr. Campbell heard or
- 24 understood from information that Mr. Harting
- gave briefly this morning. But you've not had

- 1 an opportunity to fully discuss this matter with
- 2 Mr. Harting?
- 3 A. No, I have not.
- 4 Q. And you haven't formed a personal opinion
- 5 as to whether he is a believable or not
- 6 believable person because you've never met him?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 MS. GRAGEL: Nothing further.
- 9 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have
- 10 anything further.
- 11 MR. FELDMAN: Next witness.
- MR. CAMPBELL: We have no further
- 13 witnesses.
- 14 MR. FELDMAN: But reserve the
- 15 right to call --
- MR. CAMPBELL: We close subject to
- 17 rebuttal and impeachment. We also close subject
- 18 to the same statements that I made initially as
- 19 to our objections as to arbitrability as this
- 20 arbitrator found --
- 21 MR. FELDMAN: As far as I'm
- 22 concerned you can preserve that.
- 23 MR. CAMPBELL: So with that, we
- 24 are done except for impeachment and rebuttal.
- 25 MR. FELDMAN: I don't have my

312 1 appointment book with me. Can you give me some 2 dates that you are available? Do you have your 3 appointment book? 4 MR. CAMPBELL: Right now I could 5 do -- right now we are at the 9th already. 6 earliest date I could do would be the 16th. Would you be available on the 16th? 7 8 MS. GRAGEL: Mr. Campbell and 9 Mr. Arbitrator, as of Thursday of this week, 10 Mr. Harting, whose wife recently is recovering 11 from a major surgery, is on a two-week vacation 12 to take a family trip to Florida. He returns 13 June 30th, and he is an important witness, so 14 we're looking to schedule the first week of 15 July. 16 When? MR. FELDMAN: 17 First week of July. MS. GRAGEL: 18 Give me a date. MR. FELDMAN: 19 MR. CAMPBELL: I can do July 2nd. 20 MS. GRAGEL: If that's open for 21 your calendar, that's fine. 22 I'll check it and MR. FELDMAN: 23 be back to you tomorrow. Is your secretary on 24 duty? 25 MR. CAMPBELL: Let me give you my

313 1 cell phone, and I keep my calendar because I 2 have things that come up with clients. My cell phone number is 216-385-5347. 3 4 MR. FELDMAN: Is there an 5 alternate date? 6 To tell you the MR. CAMPBELL: 7 truth, I go on vacation the week of the 6th, and 8 I am in trial the week of the 20th; I believe 9 it's going to be moved to the week of the 27th. 10 Potentially the week of the 13th, but with a 11 trial, I can try for it, but it's tough. 12 We'll try for July MR. FELDMAN: 13 2nd. That's what day of the week? 14 MS. GRAGEL: That's a Thursday. 15 Thank you very MR. FELDMAN: 16 much. 17 MS. GRAGEL: Do you want to move 18 your exhibits? 19 MR. CAMPBELL: Do you want us to 20 move formally now or wait until the end? 21 You can move for MR. FELDMAN: 22 your exhibits. I'll grant it. Do you have any 23 objection? 24 None. None as to MS. GRAGEL:

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admissibility.

314 1 MR. CAMPBELL: Respondent's 2 Exhibits 1 through 6. 3 MS. GRAGEL: The issue that I 4 have is the video. You had it in e-mailable form and I have it in that form too. We can 5 6 e-mail it to the court reporter to get 7 Exhibit 2. 8 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have a 9 problem with that. 10 MS. GRAGEL: What's your 11 preference? 12 MR. FELDMAN: Do whatever you desire. 13 14 (Thereupon, the proceedings were 15 concluded at 5:00 o'clock p.m.) 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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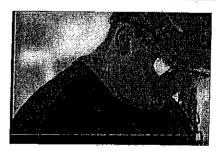
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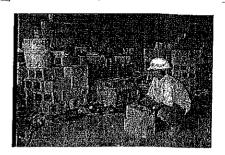
- 2. Safety glasses or eye protection must be worn at all times when you are on the job site.
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- 3. I only need to wear protective eyewear when I T am cutting?

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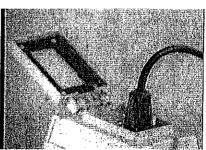
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8. GFCI will save my life and must be used.

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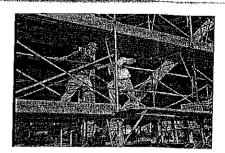


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10. Scaffolds must have guardrails in place before you work off them.





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- 13. I will comply with the security procedures established throughout the project, for entrance to the site.

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Please circle the correct answer

Fire Safety:

- University Hospitals Case Medical Center fire and medical emergency phone number .is?
 A 911, B- 4357, C 5555, D 844-1000
- 2. Hot Work permits are required to be taken out everyday when cutting, brazing, torching spark producing work is performed.

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Infection Control:

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True or False

Guidelines that need to be posted and followed at any worksite:

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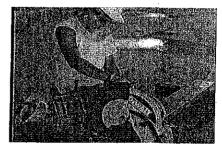
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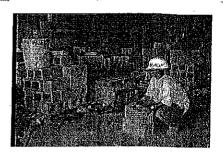
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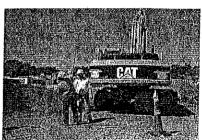
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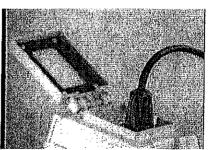
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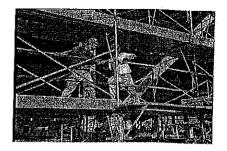
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